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Debate marks campaign's final stretch

Polls. Conservatives and the Wildrose party are neck and neck, raising the possibility of a minority government

Alberta's leaders debate heated up Thursday when Wildrose Leader Danielle Smith reiterated she has no plans to legislate on abortion and again hammered at Premier Alison Redford, accusing her of fearmongering on the issue.

Smith, who just recently revealed she is personally pro-choice, has been fighting fears that the social-conservative wing of her party would use new citizen-initiated referendum rules to overturn contentious issues such as public funding for abortion.

During the debate, Smith insisted her party would nevertheless support citizen-initiated referendums because it is a way for citizens to have a say.

"The reason it has come up is because the Wildrose has talked about doing it — it's part of their party platform," Redford retorted.

"Three weeks ago, we heard from this leader that her personal views didn't matter. Then we heard that she would take her marching orders from her party. Then we heard that her caucus was important, then we heard her own personal views.

"I will tell you that in our view, a Progressive Conservative view, everyone in our caucus, takes the view that these matters have been settled. They do not need to be raised again."

NDP Leader Brian Mason said that in the United States, such referendums allow special interest groups to impose their views on the majority.

"The Americanization of our political system that the Wildrose prefers with citizen-initiated referenda and so on allows special interests to hijack the political agenda, because it is not usually the citizen themselves, the ordinary person."

In her opening statement, Redford reminded viewers she is a wife and mother and said her party is about shaping the province's future.

Sherman used his statement to criticize Redford's government for running deficits and abandoning seniors despite oil running at a record $100 barrel.

Smith said her party will balance budgets and deliver front line care abandoned under the current government.

Mason said the NDP will ensure that surplus dollars from Alberta's cash-cow oilsands will flow down to regular Albertans.

The election is just 10 days away on April 23.

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Opposition

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NDP Leader Brian Mason

Conservative Leader Alison Redford and Liberal Leader Raj Sherman take part in a debate during the Alberta Election Leaders' Debate in Edmonton on Thursday. JASON FRANSON/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Beyond Coors, Bud, Kokanee

Urban brewery Brew Brothers opens up local beer lovers to unique brews beyond the traditional lagers that dominate the market PAGES 6-7

Walmart's loonie plan

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School fees breakdown

$65 Parents who require noon-hour school supervision for their kids but do not utilize busing services will see their total fee bill drop between $55-65 starting this fall. Approximately 23,200 students fall under this category currently, according to Calgary Board of Education officials.

$230 Parents who require both busing and noon-hour supervision will see their annual fees rise $230; however, it will be phased in over three years starting with an $80 bump for the fall. The CBE estimates this increase will apply to about $14,500 students.

$120 Parents with kids riding a yellow or charter bus to their regular community school will see $120 decrease to their annual fees starting this fall; however, those choosing to send their kids on the bus to an alternative program of choice will pay $90 more. In all, 34.700 CBE students will see their busing fees decrease, while 10,950 will see them increase.

$50 Parents with children riding subsidized Calgary Transit buses to junior high and high school will see their annual costs rise $50.

$29K Families who meet the requirements of the Alberta Child Health Benefit will be eligible for a waiver on all school fees; however, the formula used would, as an example, see a single parent of two children make $29,000 or less to qualify.

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Families paying for their kids to ride one of these fine school buses will also be charged for noon-hour supervision starting this fall. METRO FILE

School fees model to impact families

User pay. Parents expressed support for turning to a model that sees each service handled separately

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Rolling out fees under a new model will save more Calgary public school families money but bite into the budgets of those with students riding the bus or attending a program of choice.

The change likely to have the biggest impact will now require families utilizing transportation services to also fork out funds for noon-hour supervision; however, that increase will be phased in over three years.

"The fee pie hasn't gotten bigger, it's just being distributed differently amongst the people based on the services they use and the cost of the services," said Calgary Board of Education spokesperson Richard Peter.

The user-pay model is more in line with those used by other major school boards in Alberta; however, concerns remain among some parent advocates, namely the squeeze that could be put on lower-income families who do not qualify for waivers.

The CBE uses the Alberta Child Health Benefit benchmark to determine who qualifies, but Robert Hurdman with the Calgary Association of Parents and School Councils said he's not sure if the waiver process is clear to the average family.

"The board has committed to improving their waiver process and making sure all families eligible are taking advantage of it," he said. "It's going to take some work."

Despite the new fee model, which stemmed from a public consultation that saw more 4,000 stakeholders share their viewpoints, some Calgary parents say they are still not satisfied.

Mother of four Marie Belanger opted this year to drive her kids to school and pick them up for lunch to avoid paying fees.

"I don't believe public education should be so exorbitantly charged," she said.

Fees waived

The CBE is anticipating more families will see their school fees waived as they are offered consistently and expanded to include all fees. It is now budgeting for $3.4 million to cover those instances, up from $2.2 million this year.

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SUCKED INTO THE ELECTION VORTEX?

IN DEFENCE OF
Mike Morrison

Writing a column about Alberta elections is usually pretty easy.

From the comfort of our respective couches, we columnists berate you with slightly condescending reminders about the importance of voting, all the while knowing that, because we are living under a Conservative dynasty, it doesn't really matter.

Boy, do I miss those days.

As I'm sure you've noticed, this month's election is shaping up to be an epic-sized battle royale that's already garnered international headlines and will likely conclude with unprecedented results.

A party that won no seats in the last general election is poised to take a slew of seats from Alison Redford's Conservatives — some even suspect that slew could be a majority.

On the other hand, you could be convinced that the Conservatives are stronger than ever, or maybe that's just wishful thinking from a party that's ruled the roost for the past four decades.

I honestly have no idea.

For years, we've been saying that we wanted an exciting election, and if you can excuse the dramatics, no Albertan in 40 years has had as much power as we have now. And with less than two weeks until election day, we voters have a lot of work to do.

I don't know about you, but I think the biggest problem I'm having with this election is how hard it is to get answers to my questions.

I'm an educated person, I have two degrees, I speak three languages, I even have a membership to the Glenbow. Yet most of the time I have no idea what any of the candidates are talking about. There seems to be such a steep learning curve in understanding political rhetoric, it's no wonder so many people are left confused and frustrated.

Political rhetoric

"Posing a general question about a party's stance fills your social networks with never-ending arguments that seem to leave you more confused, and most media outlets are so beyond biased that you have to assume party leaders have hijacked the editors' computers."

If you talk to the politicians, you get robotic responses. Posing a general question about a party's stance fills your social networks with never-ending arguments that seem to leave you more confused, and most media outlets are so beyond biased that you have to assume party leaders have hijacked the editors' computers.

I wish I could tell you that this election has one clear choice, but it doesn't.

And don't let other columnists in other publications tell you otherwise. The decision is yours and yours alone.

If you feel like joining me, I'm going to be spending the next two weeks studying, probably more than I ever have for an election. I'm going to be making an informed decision on April 23 and it's going to feel amazing.

Inglewood resident Leslie Robertson is seen with one of the posters a group of concerned residents will be plastering around the community Sunday.
KATIE TURNER/METRO

Citizens stand up to noisy rail yard

Guerrilla tactics. Similar strategy used previously in Calgary to raise awareness of distracted driving

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Members of a southeast Calgary community are planning to blanket the area with posters and pamphlets that claim their concerns regarding a nearby rail yard are being drowned out.

Complaints of noise and pollution have been raised in Inglewood and nearby Ramsay for years as residents claim the frequency of Canadian Pacific trains and the odd hours in which they roll through Alyth yards has made living in the area almost unbearable.

"I haven't opened the windows in my house for a year," said Leslie Robertson, who has lived with her husband in Inglewood for 12 years. "You're just misguided to do that — it's sort of the last bastion of defence."

CP spokesperson Ed Greenberg was quick to point out his organization is helping steer a joint study with the City of Calgary to find solutions.

"It's a complex situation," he said. "You have got a community that is right up against the yard."

The "guerrilla-style" advertising campaign is the brainchild of Jack Adamson, who recently moved to the area. He used a similar tactic in 2010, posting fake memorial signs around the city to warn of the dangers of distracted driving.

Robertson said she is awoken at least once a night by noise emanating from the yard. Furthermore, her husband is asthmatic and struggles to breath when walking in the area.

An open house is planned for Tuesday as the first step in the joint study. A final report is expected late this year.

CP's side

- Canadian Pacific estimates about 25 trains enter Alyth yards each day, but that can vary. The company also claims to have already taken numerous measures to lessen noise in the area — especially overnight.

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Craft beers tapping the tastebuds of Calgarians

A different flavour. Local beer drinkers are no longer limited to a handful of traditional beers that once dominated the market

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There is a growing trend in Calgary when it comes to its suds, with the city evolving from the oil-swigging cowboy to that of the cultured everyman.

But no matter how cultured Calgarians get, they will still hold close to their hearts the love of a nice, cold, refreshing beer.

Tastes are no longer leaning towards the traditional brands — Budweiser, Kokanee, Coors — but to something crafted by the working hands of Alberta brewmasters like Neil Herlot of Edmonton's Allykat brewery.

"We like to get a beer into people's hands (to) taste our beer, any craft beer, really," Herlot said.

Calgarians are starting to branch out and try new lagers. No longer are they locked down to a handful of the traditional beers that once dominated the market.

"I think ultimately tastes change; Calgarians are embracing the more robust beers," Jamie Vadori, general manager of Wild Rose Brewery, said of the growing popularity of craft beers.

"As people try our product they learn that there are better beers out there."

Brew Brothers, which is so small it's not even considered a microbrewery by definition, is located in downtown Calgary. It is the city's only urban brewery.

It's more like an "artisanal brewery," according to brewmaster Alan Yule, which is why the popularity of craft beers has grown in the past few years.

"It's the same thing you are seeing with food. People are looking for more robust, flavourful foods and the same trend is happening with beers," Yule said.

"That's why people are going to that Thai place down the street instead of McDonalds."

For those who think that craft-beer drinkers are elitist snobs with their noses held high when presented with a traditional beer, that couldn't be the further from the truth, according to the brewmasters.

"They are well-made beers; the brewmasters know what they are doing when it comes to making beer. It's just that the flavour profiles aren't there," said Yule of the more popular brands.

Still, some people might just stick with what they know. It's something the craft brewers understand and ultimately accept.

"There's a brand loyalty to the bigger beers. I just don't see those people switching over," Herlot said.

Quotable

"There's a brand loyalty to the bigger beers. I just don't see those people switching over."

Neil Herlot of Edmonton's Allykat brewery

Bartender Marcus Brais slings out suds at Beer Revolution. ERIC FRASER/FOR METRO

Yeast Wranglers

- Allykat has seen an additional 30 per cent increase in sales in Calgary.
- Brew Brothers does 1000 hectolitres of craft beer. One hectolitre is equal to 100 litres.
- Brew Brothers has been producing a Growler (1.5L) for sale at its downtown Brewery for home consumption.
- Wild Rose is collaborating with home-brewer group the Cowtown Yeast Wranglers for a seasonal product — to be hopefully produced by August.

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Where to get 'em. Calgary's got your place to get a good brew

For those looking for a place to enjoy an exquisitely handcrafted pint of refreshing cold beer, Calgary has recently seen a spouting of craft-beer-exclusive pubs.

Beer Revolution is a downtown pub dedicated to the sale of craft beers — a growing trend for beer lovers in recent years.

They go out of their way to inform their patrons of the benefits of craft beer.

If a person isn't familiar with craft beers, manager Melissa Lypka is confident that they have a drink that most will find delectable.

"We usually have something that a traditional drinker would like. We find them the closest thing to the beer they enjoy," Lypka said.

The popularity of craft beers has grown to the scale that the makers of what are known as discount beers are switching gears and moving over to the craft market.

Ravinder Minhas, of Mountain Crest and Boxer fame, is turning his Calgary operation fully over to producing its lesser-known craft products.

"It's a shift in the market. We are only going to be making craft beers, not our discounted product," said Minhas.

This also coincides with Minhas' plan to open his own craft brew pub connected to his brewery called Pizza and Beer. ERIC FRASER/FOR METRO

Some Calgary bars have a wide selection of craft beers. ERIC FRASER/FOR METRO

'Massive' scuffle. Tasering of man in Edmonton police custody probed

The Alberta Serious Incident Response Team and the Edmonton Police Service (EPS) homicide unit are investigating after a 34-year-old man had to be hospitalized after he was Tasered.

Edmonton Police Association president Sgt. Tony Simioni said at least 12 members tried to restrain the man before deploying a conductive energy weapon on him Wednesday.

"There was a catastrophic battle down the stairs in the cell area," said Simioni, adding the man "appeared under the influence of some substance."

Prior to the incident at police headquarters, the man had been in the custody of one officer, awaiting a bail hearing, when an officer-in-distress alert was sounded.

Computers were broken, desks knocked over and TV monitors sent crashing off walls in the course of the "massive" scuffle, which Simioni said started suddenly.

After being Tasered, the "large" man needed medical help, which officers provided, including giving CPR and mouth-to-mouth resuscitation, he said.

"At some point in time it was evident to our officers medical distress in a serious way was occurring with this suspect," said Simioni, who couldn't say how many times the device was deployed.

The man left EPS headquarters breathing but "unresponsive to external stimuli," he said.

His medical condition was not known on Thursday.

Two officers were hurt and several others "traumatized," from the incident, Simioni said.

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Edmonton Police Association president Sgt. Tony Simioni speaks to media at police headquarters on Thursday. SHELLEY WILLIAMSON/METRO IN EDMONTON

Caught on camera

- Police said the incident, which lasted 10 minutes in total, was caught on camera but they have not made that footage public.

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PC – Moe Amery:

Moe was elected to his fifth term as a Member of the Legislative Assembly for Calgary-East on March 3, 2008. He currently serves as a member of the cabinet policy committee on community development, standing committee on privileges and elections, standing orders and printing, the private bills committee and the standing committee on the economy.

NDP – Robyn Luff:

Robyn Luff is a Grade 8 math and science teacher in Calgary. She is a graduate of the University of Calgary with a Masters degree in teaching, and has made Calgary East her home for the last three years.

Wildrose Party – Jesse Minhas:

Mr. Jesse Minhas has been married to his wife Kuldip for 29 years and has three children. He is a real estate investor and consultant in the commercial real estate industry.

Your candidates. Calgary - Elbow

Alberta Party – Greg Clark:

Greg Clark was born and raised in Calgary and lives with his wife and two young daughters in Calgary Elbow. Greg earned his MBA from Royal Roads University in 2005 and is a founding partner of C3 Associates, an IT management consulting firm named to the 2011 and 2012 Alberta Venture Fast 50 list of Alberta's 50 fastest-growing companies.

NDP- Craig Coolahan:

Craig Coolahan is a technical writer and unit co-ordinator for the United Utility Workers' Association who holds Bachelor of Arts (English) and Bachelor of Journalism degrees.

PC – Alison Redford:

Alison was born in Kitimat, B.C., and grew up in cities across Canada and overseas before settling in Calgary as a teenager. She graduated from Bishop Carroll High School in Calgary and completed her post-secondary education at the University of Saskatchewan College of Law in 1988.

Wildrose Party – James Cole:

James has worked as an investment professional for 29 years; he was awarded the CFA designation in 1986. In 2011, the mutual fund which James manages had the second-highest return of all funds in its category in Canada.

Evergreen – William Hamilton:

Hamilton is a small business owner.

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Traditional media still trumps social media when it comes to preferred voter information sources, a poll conducted by Metro found. PHOTO ILLUSTRATION/LAURIE CALLSEN/METRO

Traditional media still a go-to for election info

Old school. Social media has little weight in educating voters

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Despite social media's rise in popularity over the last few years, traditional media is still king when it comes to voter education.

A Metro poll conducted April 3 to 10 found that 44.6 per cent of participants choose traditional media — newspapers, television and radio — when making their voting decisions.

That compares to 18.4 per cent who look to candidate websites and 20 per cent who rely on social media.

MacEwan University political science chair Chaldeans Mensah said traditional media tends to be used more, not because of reliability but because the age group that relies on traditional media is also more likely to vote.

Quoted

"Generally speaking, people will use the media they're more comfortable with."

Chaldeans Mensah, political science chair at MacEwan

"Generally speaking, people will use the media they're more comfortable with. If an individual gets most of his or her news from social media, they're likely to stick with that," Mensah added.

But social media shouldn't be completely written off, as it allows for interaction between voters and candidates that may not be available otherwise, and also allows for candidates to do some damage control if need be, Mensah said.

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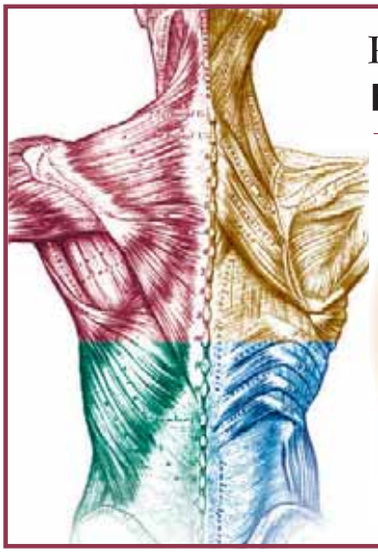

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No fakie. Skateboarders look to break the stigma with charity work

Skateboarding group The Insiders are raising money to go down to Mexico to do humanitarian work. CONTRIBUTED

A Cochrane-based skateboard-centric youth group, calling themselves The Insiders is working towards acquiring the funds for a trip down to Mexico where they plan to build a few homes.

Levy Switzer, one of the group's leaders wants to show people that skaters aren't the burden on society that most people think.

"We want to prove to the city that we don't all do drugs, we don't all vandalize things," Switzer said, "that we are socially conscious,"

The group plans to do more than just build a few homes in Mexico, they are going to contribute in a beach clean-up as well as take part in an adopt-a-block program in L.A.

Robbie Corrsie is one of the 65 kids taking part in the trip.

"All the kids going down are stoked to help the homeless in Mexico," Corrsie said.

ERIC FRASER/FOR METRO

Investigation

Man presumed drowned: Police

A 74-year-old man from Calgary who never returned from ice fishing on April 11 is presumed drowned.

When his family went looking for him they found his vehicle near Chain Lakes, close to Nanton. Police believe he fell through the ice.

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Theft

Man fingered for stealing copper

Thirty-four year old Michael Peter David of Calgary has been charged with possession of stolen property under $5,000 and fraud under $5,000.

Police say they recovered 145 pounds of copper cable that had been burned to remove the external casing.

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Don't pooh-pooh picking up doo-doo

Dirty job. When you don't want to do it yourself, you can always pay someone to clean it up

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Roland Pearson, owner of Poooh Busters in Calgary, was hard at work last week with the spring snow melt cleanup. MEGAN MAHONEY/FOR METRO

Several of Calgary's pet waste removal companies are in full force this time of year cleaning up lawns, and with recent news doggie-doo in Calgary can cause serious health concerns, people are looking for the scoop on pick-up.

Roland Pearson is the owner of Poooh Busters, a pet waste removal company that has been established in Calgary for the past seven years.

"We have over a thousand weekly houses that we service, and this time of year our numbers go through the roof."

Poooh Busters alone disposes of over 10 tonnes of waste a month, which goes to landfills.

Thomas Jones has worked for The Poop Group, here in Calgary, for the past two years.

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Manitoba to appeal assault sentencing

Sentence. Victims of sexual abuse by former hockey coach Graham James applaud move

Graham James arrives at court in Winnipeg last month.
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Victims of Graham James say Manitoba's Justice Department is doing the "right thing" by appealing the two-year sentence handed to the former hockey coach who sexually abused two of his teenage players hundreds of times.

James was sentenced last month for sexually assaulting former NHL star Theo Fleury and his cousin, Todd Holt, when they played for him in the Western Hockey League in the 1980s and '90s. The sentence, handed down by Winnipeg Judge Catherine Carlson, prompted widespread outrage from both James's victims and the public.

Under the sentence, James could apply for parole and be released by the end of the year.

Holt said he had mixed emotions because he thought the James case was closed. But he said, overall, he's happy the sentence is being appealed.

"I think this is a decision made by all of us, every person out there who thought that the two-year sentence was awful," said Holt in an interview. "It was an embarrassment. It was a travesty. If people are trying to correct that, it would be great."

Even if the appeal isn't successful, Holt said it sends an important message to other child molesters and victims.

"This is an eye-opener for a lot of perpetrators out there," he said. "You can't hide. There are penalties nowadays and we're making the changes."

The Crown had asked the trial judge to impose a six-year sentence, while James's lawyer called for a conditional sentence with no jail time.

James previously served about 18 months of a 3 1/2 year-sentence in 1997 for molesting former NHLer Sheldon Kennedy and two other players before he got out of jail in 2000 and dropped out of public view.

But Greg Gilhooly, another of James's alleged victims, said the Crown is sending an important message by filing an appeal. James was originally charged with assaulting Gilhooly as well, but those charges were stayed.

"This isn't a lynch mob running after Graham James," Gilhooly said. "This is a common-sensical reaction to an unacceptable outcome."

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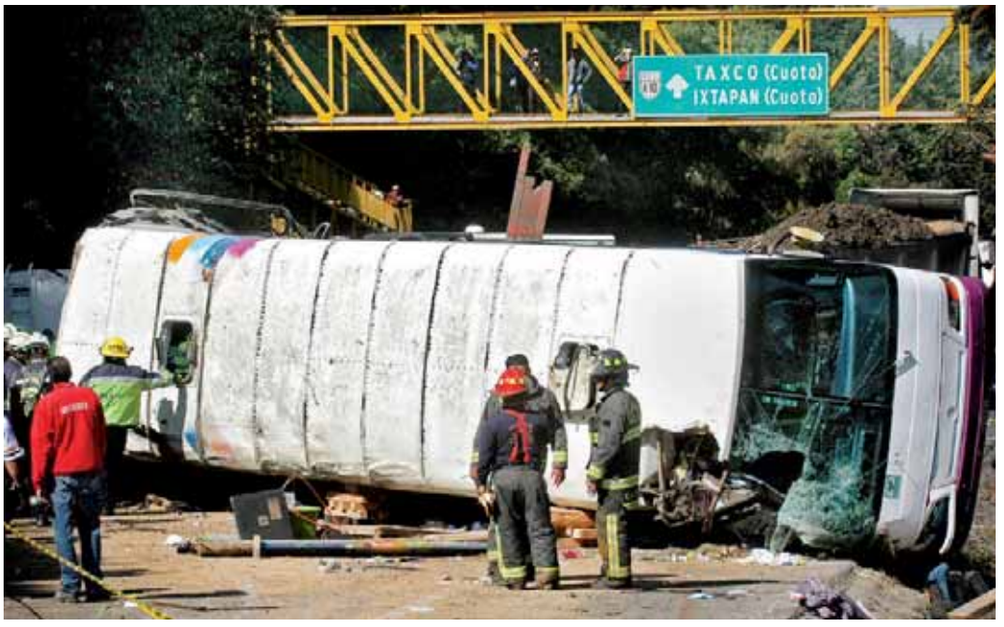

Students killed when Mexican bus collides with truck

Emergency responders stand next to a passenger bus that was struck by a cargo truck on a highway on the outskirts of Mexico City, Thursday. The bus was carrying students from the National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM) headed to do field studies. At least six students and one professor were killed. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Registry. Lift long-arm data, lawyers argue

Federal lawyers were set to argue in a Montreal courtroom Friday that an injunction protecting long-arm registry data should be lifted.

A Quebec Superior Court justice agreed last week to order a delay in the deletion by Ottawa of registry data originating from Quebec. The ruling came after a request by Quebec's Charest government. It means Quebecers are still obliged to register their weapons and that the registry data for the province will be preserved and maintained.

Federal lawyers claim the injunction is unnecessary because they say there will be no destruction of documents until at least August. The bill to end the federal long-gun registry received royal assent last week and became law everywhere but Quebec.

Quebec has said it wants to conserve the long-arm data for its own provincial registry.

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Budget cuts. Crime agenda weakened: Union

The Conservatives' tough-on-crime agenda is weakened by federal budget cuts, the union representing border guards said Thursday.

Union officials say chopping $143 million from the Canada Border Services Agency budget over the next three years will hamper its ability to catch child pornography, drugs and terrorists at the border.

The cuts represent more than 1,300 jobs, including intelligence officers and front line agents, the union said.

Cracking down on sexual offences and illegal drugs has been a key focus for the Conservatives, as has border security.

When they were elected in 2006, they increased the number of officers by 400 and since then they've added a further 1,600 new positions, according to figures provided by Public Safety.

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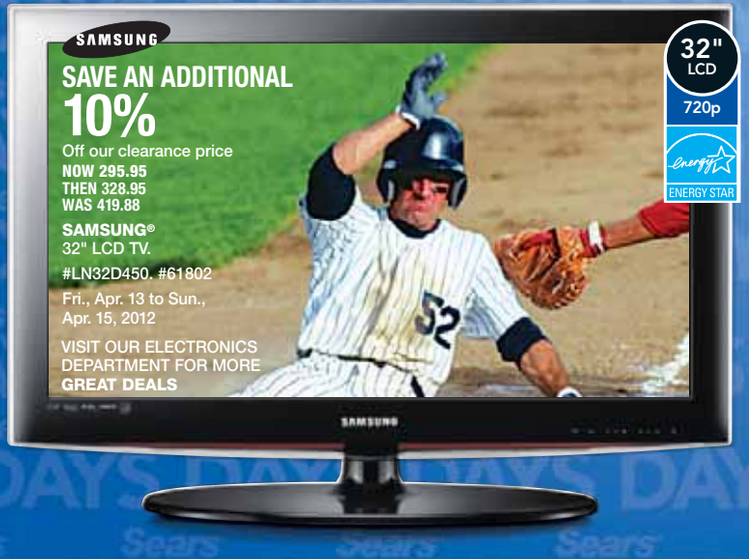

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Water festival brings new year in Myanmar

Revelers celebrate Thingyan, Myanmar's annual water festival which ushers in the New Year on Thursday, in Yangon, Myanmar.

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Mexico, Cuba rekindle strained friendship

Felipe Calderon and Raul Castro meet.
Leaders agree to co-operation in the petroleum sector, sign pact to work together

Mexico's President Felipe Calderon.
FRANKLIN REYES/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Mexican President Felipe Calderon said Thursday that his brief visit to Cuba was a "re-encounter" between two nations whose long history of friendship has hit some bumps in recent years.

The morning after meeting with Cuban President Raul Castro and other top officials, Calderon said the two men discussed co-operation in the petroleum sector.

Oil officials from the two countries signed a non-binding letter of intent to work together.

State-run Petroleos Mexicanos will "evaluate the possibility of participating and investing in the exploration and exploitation of hydrocarbons in Cuba in the blocs adjacent to Mexico's exclusive zone," Calderon said.

They also agreed to boost sporting and health exchanges, and discussed Mexico's opposition to the 50-year-old U.S. economic and financial embargo against Cuba.

"These have been two extraordinary days for Cuba and for Mexico in that their mutual affection has been rediscovered," Calderon told reporters in Cuba.

The Mexican president continues on a tour that will take him to Haiti and a regional summit in Colombia.

Calderon's six-year term ends later this year. He said in 2006 that he would improve troubled ties with Cuba, but his trip was delayed until now.

In 2009, Fidel Castro alleged that Mexico was holding back information about the swine flu outbreak.

The following year the former Cuban leader suggested that Calderon had actually lost his 2006 election to leftist Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador.

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Canadian charged

Father decries Ottawa's lack of assistance

The father of a Canadian woman charged in Mexico for allegedly trying to smuggle Moammar Gadhafi's son into the country says Ottawa just hasn't done enough to help his daughter.

John McDonald says he understands that Canada can't really interfere with another country's laws, but he says Ottawa can't ignore what he calls "civil rights violations" in the case.

He says Canada wasn't informed of his daughter's incarceration until she was behind bars for four days and she was held without being charged for longer than Mexico's laws allowed.

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Kids as kidnappers

'Mockumentary' raises Mexican ire

A video "mockumentary" that shows children as kidnappers, corrupt cops and drug traffickers sparked a fierce debate in violence-torn Mexico on Thursday, with some people calling it a needed wake-up call while others described it as political manipulation or even child abuse.

Produced by a foundation supported by private companies and universities and distributed over the Internet, the video ends with a direct message to the candidates in the Mexico's July 1 presidential race. little girl faces the camera and says: "If this is the future that awaits me, I don't want it."

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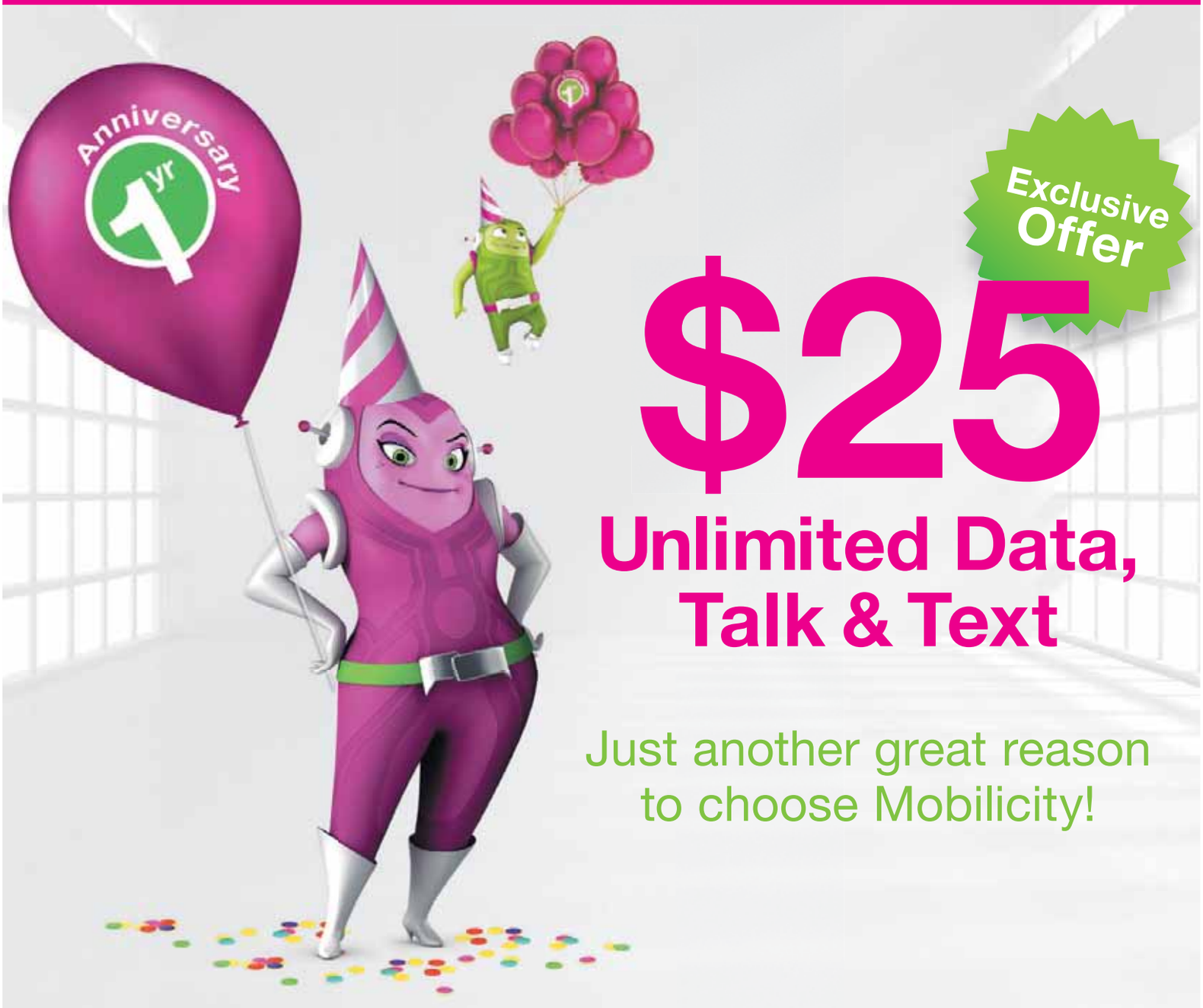

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Halifax front and centre in Titanic

100th anniversary. Titanic-themed cruise ship stops in Halifax to visit graveyard containing 121 victims of the disaster

It wasn't Deborah Franklin's first visit to the final resting place of 121 of Titanic's victims, but this time was different.

"It's very solemn and a time to reflect," said Franklin of Midland, Texas, standing in front of a row of unmarked graves at the Fairview Lawn Cemetery on Thursday.

Franklin said she's always been interested in the story of the Titanic.

In fact, she made a trip to Halifax last October to visit the same grave site.

"But it just seems different this time," said Franklin, one of 440 passengers of a Titanic-themed cruise ship.

The Azamara Journey, which left New York earlier this week, brought hundreds of passengers from around the world to the region Thursday as part of its journey to the Titanic's watery grave on its 100th anniversary.

Halifax is inked in the ship's itinerary because of its role in the aftermath of the disaster. Many of the people who died when the Titanic sunk are now buried in Halifax.

People young and old walked through the graveyard this week, snapping photos and carrying umbrellas.

Colourful flowers and stuffed animals could be seen at the base of several graves, most of which had no names but bared the date of the Titanic's sinking: April 15, 2012.

For Frank Birmingham, it's the victim's unknown stories that brought him aboard the cruise.

"They couldn't identify these bodies because of the time period," said Birmingham of Florida, pointing to the unmarked graves.

"No one knows who they are." ALY THOMSON/FOR METRO

Memorial service

The ship will set sail again Friday and will continue on to conduct a memorial service at the spot in the Atlantic where the Titanic sank. Along the way, passengers will listen to lectures about life on board the ship.

- The Journey is one of two cruise ships that are part of the commemoration of events marking the 100th anniversary of the legendary ship's sinking.
- The Titanic left Southampton, England, bound for New York in April 1912.
- More than 1,500 passengers and crew died when the vessel struck an iceberg and sank.
- Because so many victims are buried there, Halifax will be forever tied to the disaster throughout history.

Deborah Franklin of Midland, Texas, walks through the Fairview Lawn Cemetery in Halifax, where 121 victims of the Titanic rest.
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Halifax. Cruise passengers visit graveyard

ALY THOMSON
For Metro in Halifax

A grey sky and light rain provided a fitting backdrop for Roberta Lingua's visit to the Fairview Lawn Cemetery in Halifax on Thursday, the final resting place of 121 of Titanic's victims.

It was the Hollywood blockbuster that turned the 22-year-old Italian woman's attention to the disaster, but it has since developed into a fascination with the actual event.

"When you see the movie, you fall in love with Jack and Rose," said Lingua, who traveled from Italy to New York to set sail on a Titanic-themed cruise.

"But it's a very true story and it's very emotional. It was a tragedy."

Lingua was one of 440 cruise ship passengers on the Azamara Journey, which docked in Halifax on Thursday as part of its journey to the ill-fated ship's ocean grave.

The city will be front and centre this weekend, as Halifax is slated to host a number of events marking the 100th anniversary of the Titanic's sinking on April 15, 1912.

The region played a central role in the disaster as bodies that were recovered at sea were brought to the city, which became the final resting place for more than 100 victims.

On Saturday, a candle-lit procession will be held at the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic to commemorate those victims.

A horse-drawn carriage with a period-style casket and pallbearers will lead the procession. On Sunday, the day the ship sank, a Titanic spiritual ceremony will be held.

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Cruise stops at sinking spot

"When the cruise stops in the middle of the ocean, I think it will be amazing." Roberta Lingua, 22, of Italy.

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Muzzle. Free-speech group announces award winners

The Thomas Jefferson Center for the Protection of Free Expression announced Thursday its "Muzzle" awards.

The centre in Charlottesville, Va., bestows the Muzzles annually to mark the April 13 birthday of its namesake, a free-speech advocate and the nation's third president.

Centre director Josh Wheeler says several of the 2012 winners earned their Muzzles for engaging in viewpoint censorship, which the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution prohibits.

Florida Gov. Rick Scott and the state's legislature won its Muzzle for adopting a National Rifle Association-backed law that largely prohibits physicians from asking patients about firearms in their homes or discussing gun safety.

The U.S. State Department won a Muzzle for disinviting a Palestinian political cartoonist from a government-sponsored conference that was to highlight, ironically enough, the importance of free speech and freedom of the press.

A professor at Sam Houston State University in Texas was cited for cutting the "f-word" from a university-approved "free-speech wall," on which students were invited to express themselves by writing on the wall's parchment paper.

A full list can be found at the website of the Thomas Jefferson Center for the Protection of Free Expression at tjcenter.org.

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Virus

U.S. child gets swine flu

U.S. officials are reporting a new case of human infection with a swine-origin H3N2 flu virus.

The case is in a child in Utah who had exposure to pigs. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Bomb squad

Bomb scare in N.Y.

A toy grenade was to blame for an evacuation Thursday at a building near New York's Ground Zero, authorities said. The police bomb squad was called to 2 World Financial Center.

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Zimmerman appears in court on murder charge

On trial. Man accused of second-degree murder in fatal shooting of teenager Trayvon Martin

George Zimmerman, centre, stands with a Seminole County deputy and his attorney, Mark O'Mara, during a court hearing on Thursday in Sanford, Fla.

GARY W. GREEN/ ORLANDO SENTINEL, POOL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Neighbourhood-watch volunteer George Zimmerman made his first court appearance Thursday on a second-degree murder charge in the shooting death of Trayvon Martin.

His hair was shaved down to stubble and he had a thin goatee, which appeared consistent with his booking photo from the day before.

He had resurfaced Wednesday to turn himself in after weeks in hiding.

Judge Mark E. Herr said he found probable cause to move ahead with the case and that an arraignment would be held on May 29 before another judge.

The prosecutors must prove Zimmerman's shooting of Martin was rooted in hatred or ill will and counter his claims that he shot Martin to protect himself while patrolling his gated community in the Orlando suburb of Sanford.

Zimmerman's lawyers would only have to prove by a preponderance of evidence — a relatively low legal standard — that he acted in self-defence at a pretrial hearing to prevent the case from going to trial.

Martin's parents expressed relief over the decision to prosecute the person who shot their son.

"The question I would really like to ask him is, if he could look into Trayvon's eyes and see how innocent he was, would he have then pulled the trigger? Or would he have just let him go on home?" said his father, Tracy Martin.

Many attorneys said they had expected the prosecutor to opt for the lesser charge of manslaughter. The most severe homicide charge, first-degree murder, is subject to the death penalty in Florida and requires premeditation — something all sides agreed was not present in this case.

"I predicted manslaughter, so I'm a little surprised," said Michael Seigel, a former federal prosecutor who now teaches law at the University of Florida. "But she has more facts than I do."

Mark O'Mara, Zimmerman's attorney, said his client would plead not guilty and invoke Florida's so-called "stand your ground" law, which gives people wide latitude to use deadly force rather than retreat during a fight.

The confrontation took place in a gated community where Martin was staying with his father and his father's fiancée. Martin was walking back in the rain from a convenience store when Zimmerman spotted him and called police. He followed the teenager despite being told not to by a police dispatcher and the two got into a struggle.

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Rafferty obsessed with Stafford news stories, court told

Testimony. Former companion says he talked about child abductions

In the days following Victoria Stafford's disappearance, the man accused of killing her was "constantly checking the news" about the story, court in London heard Thursday.

Michael Rafferty's trial is hearing from a long string of former girlfriends and female friends, many of whom were seeing him around the time of Tori's April 8, 2009, death.

Sarah Hodge testified that she met Rafferty on the dating website Plenty of Fish and first met him in person on April 14, 2009.

Michael Rafferty
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Hodge said Rafferty talked with her about kidnapping children, saying how abducted kids can grow up thinking their abductors are their parents.

He was always checking newspaper and TV reports about Tori's disappearance and claimed to have "inside information" on Tori's mother, Tara McDonald, she said.

Hodge said that at the time there was no back seat in Rafferty's car.

The back seat was gone when police arrested Rafferty in May 2009, and various people have testified about seeing it in the car at points throughout the spring of that year.

But it remains unclear whether it was there on April 8, the day Rafferty allegedly kidnapped Tori in his car with Terri-Lynne McClintic.

Court heard Wednesday from an expert witness that traces of blood found in the back of Rafferty's car almost certainly belonged to Tori.

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Study. Baboons may be smarter than we think

Dan the baboon sits in front of a computer screen. The letters BRRU pop up. With a quick and almost dismissive tap, the monkey signals it is not a word. Correct. Next comes ITCS. Again, not a word. Finally KITE comes up.

He pauses and hits a green oval to show it is a word. In the space of just a few seconds, Dan has demonstrated a mastery of what some experts say is a form of pre-reading and walks away rewarded with a treat of dried wheat.

Dan is part of new research that shows baboons are able to pick up the first step in reading — identifying recurring patterns and determining which four-letter combinations are words and which are just gobbledygook.

The study shows that reading's early steps are far more instinctive than scientists first thought and it also indicates that non-human primates may be smarter than we give them credit for.

"They've got the hang of this thing," said Jonathan Grainger, a French scientist and lead author of the research. Baboons and other monkeys are good pattern finders and what they are doing may be what we first do in recognizing words.

It's still a far cry from real reading. They don't understand what these words mean and are just breaking them down into parts, said Grainger, a cognitive psychologist at the Aix-Marseille University in France.

The experiments were conducted in France but researchers used English words as it is the language of science, Grainger said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Wordsmiths?

In 300,000 tests, the six baboons distinguished between real and fake words about three out of four times, according to the study published in Thursday's journal Science.

- **The star of the bunch.** Four-year-old Dan, who's about the equivalent age of a human teenager, got 80 per cent of the words right and learned 308 four-letter words.
- **How it works.** The baboons are rewarded with food when they press the right spot on the screen: A blue plus sign for bogus combos or a green oval for real words.

Putting their breast foot forward

Pedestrians pass a chain of bras that stretched across Union Square during a breast cancer awareness demonstration on Thursday in New York City. The event, the first-ever Feel Your Boobies Flash Mob, was designed to help promote self breast exams and create breast cancer awareness. More than 600 new or gently used bras were donated for charity. JOHN MOORE/GETTY IMAGES

Medical investigation

'Miracle' baby struggles to live

An Argentine newborn who survived nearly 12 hours in a coffin in a morgue after hospital workers gave her up for dead is in critical condition, showing a series of complications common among infants born three months premature, a doctor said Thursday.

Tiny Luz Milagros, or Miracle Light, is suffering from sepsis and convulsions along with signs of neurological damage, said Dr. Diana Vesco, neonatology chief at the Perrando hospital in Resistencia in northern Chaco province. She said the baby is on a ventilator and being treated with antibiotics.

Her mother, Analia Bouter, said she got a supportive call from President Cristina Fernandez on Wednesday asking to see the baby once she's out of intensive care.

The case became public Tuesday when Chaco's deputy health minister, Rafael Sabatinelli, announced that five medical professionals had been suspended pending an official investigation of what happened. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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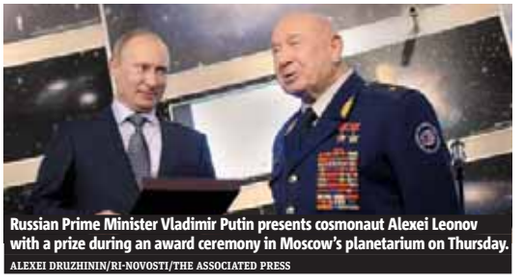
Russia to spend $1 billion on launch pad



Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin presents cosmonaut Alexei Leonov with a prize during an award ceremony in Moscow's planetarium on Thursday. ALEXEI DRUZHININ/RI-NOVOSTI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Lift-off. Putin says new infrastructure will help alleviate space program's dependence on ex-Soviet neighbour

Prime Minister Vladimir Putin said Thursday his nation will spend about $1 billion this year alone to build a new space launch pad in the Far East that should ease the Russian space program's reliance on ex-Soviet neighbour Kazakhstan.

Putin told government officials in televised remarks Thursday that the first rocket launch from the Vostochny cosmodrome is set to be conducted by 2015, and in 2018 it should launch the first manned mission.

Quotable:

"Only the existence of several space launch pads would guarantee Russia a full independence in space activities."

Vladimir Putin, Russian prime minister

Officials have put the total cost of the project at about $10 billion. Putin said Russia will continue to use the Soviet-built Baikonur launch pad it leases from Kazakhstan, but added that a new launch facility of its own is needed to secure the national space program's independence.

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Police block a street as activists stage a protest against alleged election fraud outside the town hall in the city of Astrakhan, Russia on Thursday. Local mayoral candidate Oleg Shein has been on a hunger strike for 28 days in protest. YEVGENY POLONSKY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

London, U.K.

Police investigate possible hacking

London's Metropolitan Police said Thursday it is investigating whether conversations on its Anti-Terrorist Hotline had been recorded by hackers.

"We are aware of an issue whereby hoaxers have made calls to the Anti-Terrorist Hotline and have made recordings of their conversations with ... staff," the force said in a statement. "In addition, recordings have been made of conversations between Metropolitan Police Service Anti-Terrorist Hotline staff." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Famine relief

Rethink cuts, Canada: Aid group

Can Canada ask other countries to contribute big bucks to fight a looming famine in West Africa when it has just chopped $380 million from its own foreign aid budget?

The answer is yes, according to aid experts pleading their case for the 15 million who face severe malnutrition in the seven-country Sahel belt that stretches from Senegal to Chad. The head of Mali's peasant farmers union added one caveat: Please reconsider those Canadian cuts. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Cash crunch. Royal Bank opting to raise some fees

As debt-heavy Canadians become more cautious about borrowing, the banks are looking to higher fees to make up the shortfall.

Royal Bank, Canada's largest bank, is the latest to announce it is raising a number of fees, including the rate it charges for credit-card cash advances.

The new fees, which affect everything from personal banking to business accounts, become effective June 1, RBC said in a brochure mailed to clients.

The move reflects the increased costs of doing business, the bank said.

RBC said its clients can reduce their banking fees by picking the service package that best suits their needs.

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New fees

- RBC's Signature No Limit Banking account fees will rise to $14.95 a month from $13.95.
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Global layoffs

Sony to slash 10,000 jobs

Faced with mounting losses, Sony Corp. said Thursday it will slash 10,000 jobs, or about six per cent of its global workforce, and try to turn around its money-losing TV business over the next two years.

New CEO and president Kazuo Hirai outlined his business strategy at a press conference where he pledged to revive the electronics and entertainment company.

Sony earlier this week more than doubled its annual net-loss projection for the fiscal year to $6.4 billion US.

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Walmart Canada to take on discount competition

Shelley Broader, president and CEO of Walmart Canada, speaks to media in Toronto on Thursday. AARON VINCENT ELKAIM/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Shopping wars. Retail giant also planning Canadian store expansion in advance of Target's arrival early next year

More products for $1 are coming to Walmart Canada as the retailer takes on dollar stores, Target and the country's biggest grocers in a strategy to win a larger share of the domestic retail market.

Executives from the company met with analysts and the media in Toronto on Thursday to discuss its answer to the entry of U.S. rival Target and an expansion by Canadian dollar-store operator Dollarama.

The plan includes lowering the prices of more items to about a loonie, said Shelley Broader, the retail giant's Canadian president and CEO.

"That's in direct reaction to what our customers need and want, but it happens to be a nice method of competing against the dollar stores," she said.

Walmart's supercentres aim to do exactly that, offering customers deals on everything from dish towels to dry-cleaning services. The price reductions are part of a strategy of "cementing ourselves in the minds and hearts of Canadians as one-stop shopping," said Broader.

Solidifying that stance is particularly crucial right now because so many other retailers are fighting for the same consumer market.

Dollarama has been encroaching on the discount retailer's low-priced territory in recent months, expanding its products beyond small items worth a loonie.

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One-stop shop

"The idea of getting most of your needs met in one spot becomes incredibly important."

Walmart Canada president Shelley Broader

Qatar Airways to order Bombardier jets

Qatar Airways is in no rush to add Bombardier's CSeries aircraft to its growing fleet but will order several business jets to expand its executive service, the airline's CEO said Thursday.

Akbar Al Baker said he will announce an order for Bombardier's new Global aircraft at next month's Ebace air show in Geneva, for delivery around 2016 or 2017.

The airline already operates a fleet of six Bombardier business jets. It hopes to eventually offer 10 to 15 aircraft, but Al Baker wouldn't say how many planes would be included in this order.

Qatar has shelved plans to order the CSeries while it is busy preparing to receive four new aircraft types. The company is spending more than $50 billion US for 270 airplanes.

Nonetheless, he remains interested in eventually ordering 20 to 30 of the larger version of the 110- to 149-seat commercial plane.

The aircraft would be used for Qatar's regional service and flights of less than two and a half hours from Doha.

"The CSeries is a very good airplane for a niche market," he told reporters after a lunch-hour speech.

Al Baker said Canadians deserve better airline service to the Middle East made possible by an expansion of the number of landing rights granted to Doha.

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Hey, kids! Gather around your infotainment-dispensing device, because it's time for the ever-popular Metro List …

1 **Life after Hogwarts:** Now that she's safely rescued Harry Potter from Lord Voldemort's clutches and earned a billion dollars in the process, former single-mum-on-welfare J.K. Rowling has announced her next novel, called The Casual Vacancy, will be targeted at adults. It's about an election that tears a deceptively peaceful village apart. Kind of like the Triwizard Tournament after the magic has gone.

2 **iDialysis?:** A teenager in China sells one of his kidneys to an unscrupulous organ broker for the equivalent of $3,400 so he can buy an iPad 2. His parents don't even know about it until his mother asks him where he got the iPad and he has to fess up. Now he's suffering from complications and the unscrupulous brokers are long gone. He should have held out for an iPad 3, at least.

3 **Where's the Gipper when we need him?:** Rick Santorum finally gave up on his presidential hopes this week, leaving Mitt Romney an open path for the nomination. So after the GOP has desperately tried to nominate anybody but Mitt for the better part of a decade, the next Republican nominee for president of the United States will be: Mitt. Deja voodoo.

4 **NHL playoffs begin:** The L.A. Kings defeat Vancouver in Game 1 and then someone in the Kings organization sends a smoking tweet to the rest of Canada: "You're welcome." Where's the love? I thought we were all Canucks?

5 **Ding-dong:** The gun registry is dead. Yee-haw! We'll be able to buy a weapon of mass destruction without being included in a federal database. Now if we can just get Ottawa to ban the income-tax database, we're talkin' real freedom.

6 **Speaking of Vancouver:** The Real Housewives of Vancouver: 1.2-million people watched the opening episode. Well, no wonder: One of the "housewives" washes her face in whale sperm and diamond dust. Who wouldn't want to watch that?

7 **More evidence the end is near:** Britannica stops publishing the print edition, putting the five remaining door-to-door encyclopedia salesman on Earth out of work. How do I know that? I looked it up on Wikipedia, a usually reliable source.

8 **Silver surfers:** The Beach Boys celebrate their 50th anniversary by singing Surfer Girl at the home opener at Dodger Stadium on Tuesday. Help Me Rhonda, I've fallen and I can't get up …

The Beach Boys spread Good Vibrations on opening day at Dodger Stadium, where the Los Angeles Dodgers played the Pittsburgh Pirates on Tuesday. The Beach Boys are celebrating their 50th anniversary.
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Real-life 'Spider-Man'

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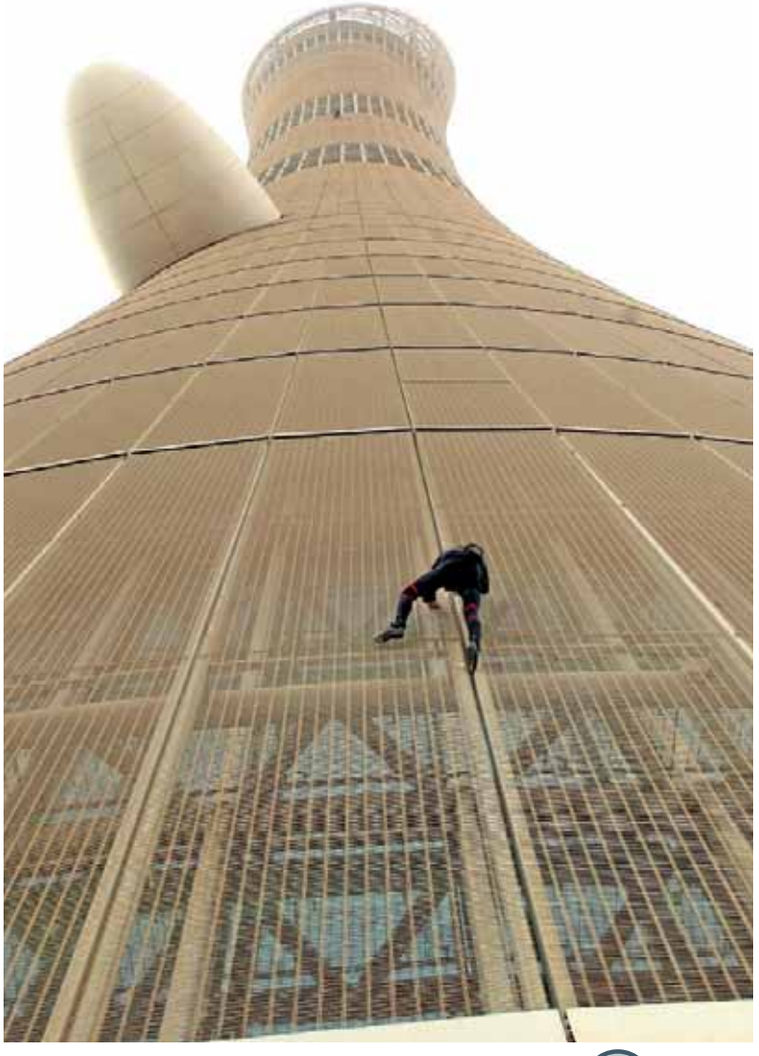

Climb

Frenchman scales buildings without rope or harness

Alain Robert, who has been dubbed the "French Spider-Man," climbs 300 metres up the Torch hotel in Doha, Qatar, on Thursday. Robert, who has been scaling tall buildings since the age of seven, took 75 minutes to complete his first climb in Qatar. The hotel was built for the 2006 Asian Games in the shape of an Olympic torch.
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A kid again

"I feel like a child and I finally want to open my present: I want to climb the Torch."
Alain Robert

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Lockout isn't winning any critical acclaim from the Reel Guys, but it'll leave you grinning. HANDOUT

Lockout a solid 'B' effort

Reel Guys

RICHARD CROUSE AND MARK BRESLIN

Cranked-up camp. Action flick is a good time if you can look past the silly dialogue, '90s era special effects

Richard: Mark, I had a good time at Lockout even though I'll be the first to admit it isn't a very good movie. The special effects look like rejects from 1997, the tough-guy dialogue sounds like Bruce Willis castoffs and it's not nearly as violent as I would have expected it to be, but I sat there with a grin on my face. How is this possible? Perhaps it reminded me of those cheeseball direct-to-DVD Dolph Lundgren movies I used to watch when I rented everything at the video store.

Mark: The movie has one great thing going for it: the ace wisecracks delivered by Guy Pearce with impeccable sang-froid. The only problem is that he's so funny it undercuts any of the supposed action sequences. And did you notice the similarities to John Carpenter's Escape From New York? When Maggie Grace cuts her hair and dyes it black she even looked like Adrienne Barbeau!

RC: That is, I think, what I loved about the movie. It seems like a time capsule from another time. It has its flaws — like being set in 2079 and yet making contemporary references like Prince, John Wayne and global warming — but the old school-ness of it is appealing. It's not a remake, or a reboot but it feels familiar nonetheless.

MB: I thought it was wonderfully lazy filmmaking that in the future the iPhone was exactly the same, as were the guns and clothing. It's a B movie to be sure. But it has its pleasures. I enjoyed the over-the-top performance of no-name actor Joseph Gilgun as an unhinged convict. It's the part Giovanni Ribisi was born to play, if the movie had a budget.

RC: Exactly! I thought he was an excellent bad guy except I felt like I needed a translator to explain his HEAVY brogue to me. I certainly caught the gist of what he was saying but often the actual words were lost on me. Perhaps mumbled, accented dialogue is the new cool thing. Apparently Bane in The Dark Knight Rises is impossible to understand as well, but I like a bit more clarity from my bad guys.

MB: Richard, maybe incomprehensibility is the new scary. All those werewolves and zombies have set the bar pretty high for inarticulate rage. After all, you can't reason with someone you can't understand.

Synopsis

Guy Pearce is Snow, a highly skilled mercenary wrongly accused of espionage. To earn his freedom he agrees to rescue the president's daughter, Emilie Warnock (Maggie Grace), who is being held captive by rioting inmates at an outer space maximum-security prison. That's right, the prison is in OUTER SPACE!

- Richard: ●●●○○
- Mark: ●●○○○

Scene in brief

J.K. Rowling set to release book for adults

She may not be able to match the phenomenal success of the Harry Potter series, but J.K. Rowling has high hopes for The Casual Vacancy, her first novel for adults. The title was announced Thursday by Little, Brown & Co. along with a brief plot synopsis for the book. The publisher said it will be available worldwide on Sept. 27. The effort will mark Rowling's first post-Potter effort. The new book, aimed at a grown-up audience, will be set in a seemingly idyllic English town called Pagford.

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Horror

Cabin in the Woods

Director. Drew Goddard

Stars. Richard Jenkins, Chris Hemsworth

Cabin in the Woods probably isn't the movie you think it is. The audacious high-concept thriller marks the directorial debut of Cloverfield writer Drew Goddard who takes the horror stereotype and brilliantly flips it. Though the premise of co-eds heading out to the woods and inadvertently uncovering zombies seems familiar, it's only a ploy. To reveal more would spoil the surprise. Instead, just enjoy the madness of this masterpiece. **STEVE GOW**

Comedy

The Three Stooges

Directors. Bobby Farrelly, Peter Farrelly

Stars. Chris Diamantopoulos, Sean Hayes

If there's one film with a built-in audience, it's The Three Stooges. They're so cherished by the Farrelly Brothers, the filmmaking siblings crafted a straight-up reimagining of the legendary comic trio. While the performances are bang-on, the three-episode arc and story is so slight, it can hardly be considered a plot. Still, if three knuckleheads poking each other in the eyes to cartoonish sound-effects cracks you up, this is cinematic gold. **STEVE GOW**

Drama

StreetDance 2

Directors. Max Giwa, Dania Pasquini

Stars. George Sampson, Sofia Boutella

This energetic and slightly surreal sequel to the unexpected hit StreetDance takes place in a Paris crawling with aspiring teenaged dancers; the cliched story and characters are just a framework for some energetic, highly physical dance numbers that gain little from the 3D format. The film's sense of fun is occasionally infectious, but more often the tone is just silly — perfect for 12-year-olds who want to ogle the lithe, attractive cast. **ADAM NAYMAN**

Cabaret. Stars celebrate the restoration of a cinema classic at festival

It took a stray bit of dirt to scratch the perfection of Cabaret, and painstaking effort to return it to cinematic glory.

The restored Cabaret, minus damage that had prevented a high-definition version, earned the opening spot at the four-day TCM Classic Film Festival in Hollywood. Stars Liza Minnelli and Joel Grey were scheduled to attend Thursday's ceremony marking the musical's 40th anniversary. Minnelli, whose turn as cabaret singer Sally Bowles captured a best actress Academy Award and cemented her young stardom, said making Cabaret was a joyful "secret," filmed in Munich and far away from meddling Los Angeles studio bosses.

Director Bob Fosse "got away with murder. We all did," Minnelli said in a recent phone call from New York. She's on a concert tour, Confessions, based on her album of the same title. "We'd take chances, and the studio would send notes like, 'Too cloudy. It will break up on drive-in (screens),"' she recalled. "Fosse would read that out loud, tear it up and throw it over his shoulder — in front of the whole cast and crew."

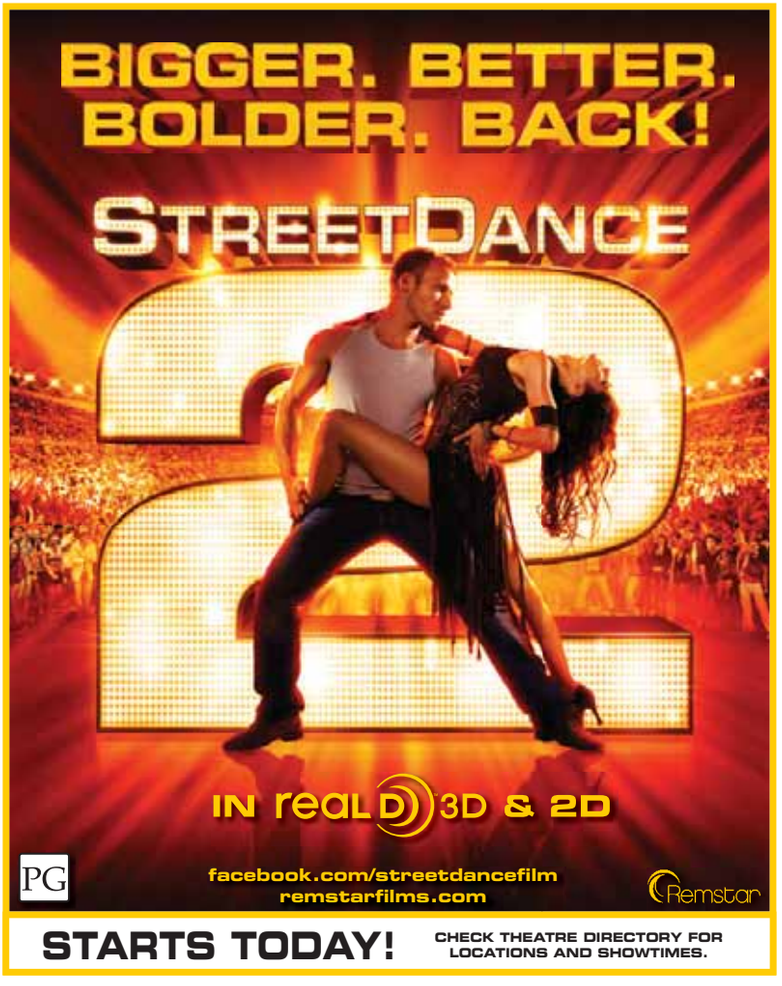
Liza Minnelli won a best actress Academy Award for Cabaret. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Set in 1930s Berlin, with German life darkening under the Nazi Party's rise, the film was based on the 1966 Broadway musical adapted from Christopher Isherwood's short novels. Michael York starred as Sally's boyfriend and Helmut Griem played the wealthy lover shared by both in a then-rare movie depiction of bisexuality. Fosse's distinctive, archly suggestive choreography defined the film's candour and cynicism. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Quoted

"We're not trying to be cagey... We're just trying to protect the experience because so much of Cabin is about the experience that happens when you're in the audience with all of these people feeling the screams and the cheers and the laughs and feeling the ride."

Writer-director Drew Goddard on not giving away too much about his new film, Cabin in the Woods.



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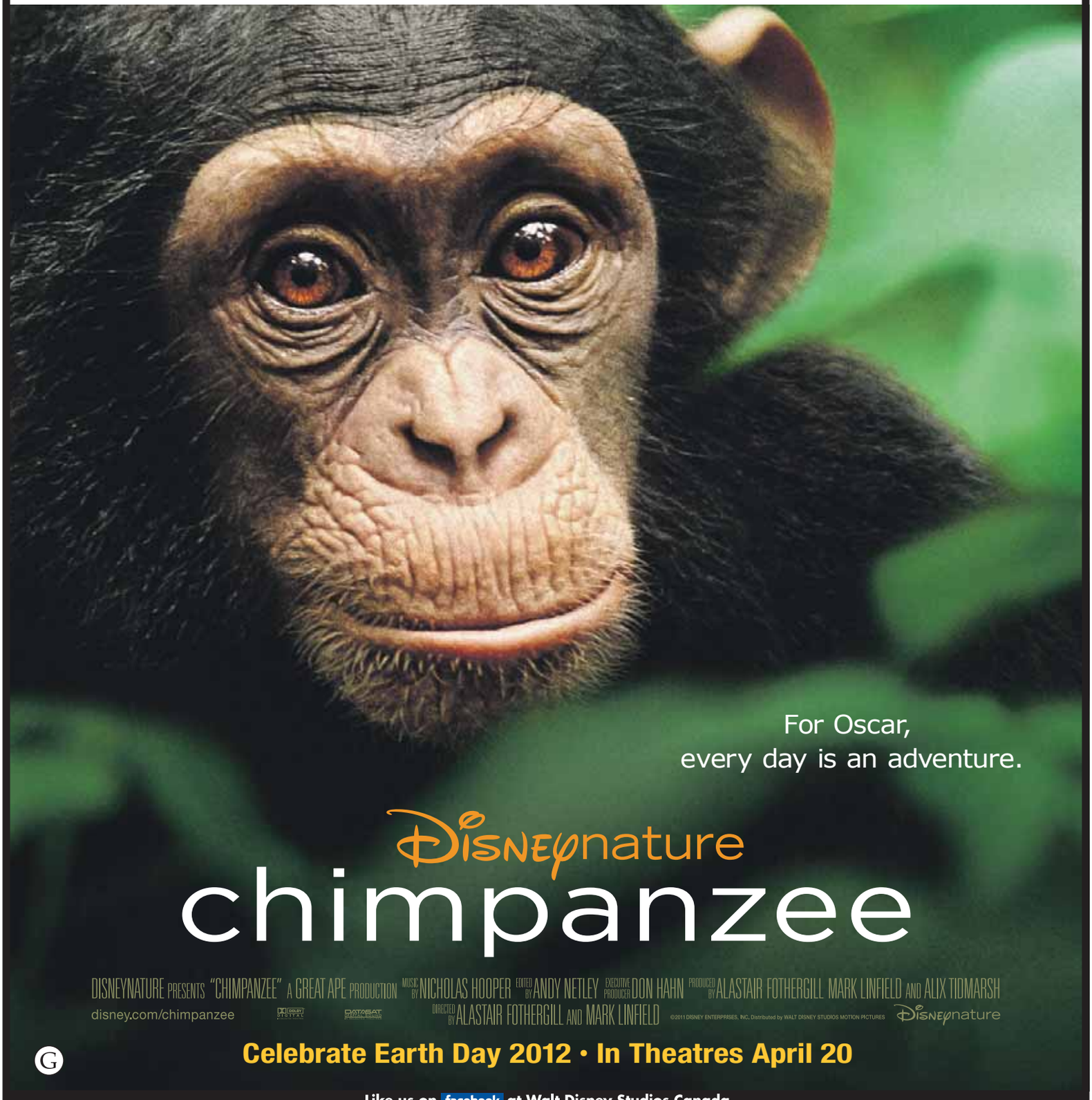
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Chimpanzee follows the tale of little Oscar as he learns to survive without his mother. HANDOUT

Chimpan-see, chimpan-do

Chimpanzee. Jane Goodall hopes new film will spark children's interest in animals and nature

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Being in the presence of Jane Goodall, it's easy to become inspired to embark on some kind of save-the-world project.

After all, Goodall — a woman who set out to study animals in Africa in 1960, when she was just 26 years old — has turned a childhood obsession with animals into a world-renowned career studying chimpanzees, and a global conservation institute bearing her name.

"When I was a little girl of 10 … I fell in love with Tarzan and was furiously jealous when he married that other Jane," she jokes while in Toronto, helping Disney promote its film Chimpanzee, which opens next Friday. Chimpanzee follows the true story of an orphaned chimp named Oscar.

While Goodall was not directly involved with the production of the film, she knew the crew. "I think the amazing thing about this film is that we know Disney, we know Bambi, and this film itself ... might have been scripted by somebody doing a chimpanzee Bambi."

But the storyline was anything but scripted. In fact, the initial plan was to follow the life of a chimp — who the crew named Oscar — and observe him develop in his community. When Oscar's mother suddenly died, the crew panicked. "They thought the whole film was destroyed … [that they had] wasted six months filming a chimp who's [all but] dead," said Goodall.

Lucky for Oscar (and the film crew), the top-ranking male in the group of chimps was a bit of a softie under his gruff exterior and took the young chimp under his care. "I cannot believe how this all unravelled" says Goodall.

Today, between being a UN messenger of peace and educating the world about the plight of chimpanzees, Goodall, 78, spends 300 days of the year on the road, raising awareness about conservation issues.

Goodall has also helped develop a program called Roots & Shoots that now has thousands of young members in over 130 countries. Through this program, young people are encouraged to take on grassroots conservation projects. "Children are getting more and more divorced from nature," says Goodall. "How can you protect something if you don't understand?"

Goodall says that films like Chimpanzee are a first step in educating children about nature. "Films like this help kids understand that there are creatures out there who are so like us and hopefully children will come away thinking about that and thinking about little Oscar as though he's a cousin."

Anthropomorphism

Human-like?

Anthropomorphism is giving human characteristics to animals, something that Goodall has been criticized for in her study of chimpanzees. But Goodall feels that it's better to over-anthropomorphize and believe animals are more like us than to think that we are completely different. "What really peeved me was that scientists were ready to take a chimpanzee because biologically they're so like us, sharing 99 per cent of our DNA and … subject them to all kinds of nasty medical procedures … and they even used them to learn about depression … but when it came to them sharing an emotion, like being happy or sad, [the scientists] said 'absolutely not.'"

The Hunter. Dafoe heads down under in search of the Tasmanian tiger

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Willem Dafoe

Filming The Hunter was far from a cinematic cakewalk for Willem Dafoe who was forced to endure the Tasmanian wilderness and even a tumultuous blizzard. But the versatile actor wouldn't have it any other way.

"Who wants to make an easy movie?" the two-time Oscar-nominated film veteran quipped while promoting the drama. "You want to make good movies and hope they come gracefully but easy usually doesn't lend itself well to making interesting things."

Always on the lookout for challenging roles, The Hunter casts Dafoe as a mercenary sent Down Under by a biotech corporation to hunt the assumed-to-be extinct Tasmanian tiger — considered sacred by locals.

"You hear of Tasmanian devils and that cartoon character pops into your head. I'm embarrassed to say I knew very little about it," laughed Dafoe, admitting he wasn't originally sure if the creature was even historically real.

"There are sightings all the time because I think people hope that there's some sign that they can recapture something of the past that's been destroyed by colonization and development."

While his character in The Hunter (in theatres April 20) struggles with the morality and demands of the wilderness and landscape, Dafoe insists it's not necessarily the message of any film that attracts him but strictly the strength of the role.

"The questions that are raised in the film — I don't know those," said Dafoe. "I'm always attracted to being the odd man out and this is a very Australian story and I play a foreigner; I play the guy from out of town that comes in and that's an interesting place to be in the function of a film because you become the go-between between the audience and this world."

Eyes on the prize: Dafoe's character struggles to deal with the wilderness as he searches for the Tasmanian tiger. HANDOUT

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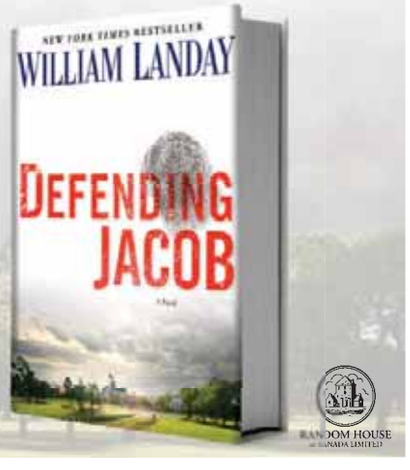

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Carl Holst, Sales Manager of StampedeToyota, just announced plans to hold a One dollar used car and truck sales event Taking **Place TOMORROW! Saturday April 14th 2012**. According to Mr. Holst record sales from the last few months have resulted in an overstock of trade-ins. "In the last three months our sales have increased at a tremendous rate", Holst said. "Now, we must reduce the number of cars and trucks on our used lot to a more manageable number. During this One dollar sale every used car and truck will be sold for hundreds or thousands below its original price." Mr. Holst said. "In fact, cars that normally sell for five to eight thousand dollars will be sold for three to five thousand," Mr. Holst said. "Our customers will find these prices even lower than at wholesale auctions."

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"Wholesale buyers will be represented to take trade-ins during the sale," Mr. Holst said. "We also have three business managers who will help buyers arrange low-cost financing. We've got over $10 Million Dollars in inventory to choose from. Our total inventory will be close to 400 new and used cars and trucks. We want to remind everyone that this is a one-day sale only. When our inventory has been reduced, we will remove the sale prices and return to normal operations. Since we are a local business we would like to give back to the community," Mr. Holst said. "We would rather allow local people to buy these overstocked vehicles than wholesale them at an auction." All cars will be reduced every hour and then there will be 5 cars that will be reduced every hour until they get to $1. These special $1 sale cars are in a separate section at the front of the dealership. Due to the volume of sales during this event, please no telephone inquiries.

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Guns N' Roses back to jungle?

International music. Classic rock band set to be inducted into Hall of Fame as lead member pans the invite entirely

PAT HEALY
Metro World News

Guns N' Roses will be inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame on Saturday. NOUSHA SALIMI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Guns N' Roses is known for its inter-band civil wars as much as the classic music its members made together.

It has counted as many as 21 people as official players through the 27-year history of the group, but many rock fans are penning open letters across the web for a reunion of the band whose members were once so well known as individuals that they had their own mass-produced pinball machine.

They are also well known for their cynical approach to press — so when Metro caught up with keyboardist Dizzy Reed, who joined the band in the early '90s, shortly before the Use Your Illusion albums, he played it predictably close to the vest when asked about the upcoming proceedings.

So what do you know about the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame?
Rock and Roll Hall of Fame? Um, it's in Cleveland.

Do you know what's going to happen with the induction into the Hall? There are rumours there will be a reunion of the original lineup.
I haven't gotten any details. I spoke with the people of that institution. They gave me a call and told me to mark it on the calendar, to be there. As far as the details of what's going to happen, I haven't received any sort of itinerary or schedule. It's something I'm just trying not to think about until it gets closer. It's not that I don't appreciate it. It's a great thing, and it's great for all the people who supported the band over the years.

I understand that you're still friends with everybody who has been in the band through the years, is that right?
Friendly, I'd say. I haven't talked to a couple of the guys at all since they left. But Duff [McKagan, original bassist] got up and jammed with us in Seattle and Vancouver last year.

And you've been immortalized, by making it onto the Guns N' Roses pinball machine as well ...
Yes I did. I'm on the pinball machine, and I can't remember what it was that triggers it, but you can get the Dizzy ball, and it starts going crazy and you can score a whole bunch of points.

I think it was patterned after me after too many vodkas or something.

No awards please

Thanks but no thanks

- **Letter.** In a 1,000-plus word open letter to the Los Angeles Times, Guns N' Roses singer Axl Rose has said he will not be attending Saturday's event, nor does he even want to be inducted. Visit metronews.ca/scene to read the letter. You can also read an excerpt from the letter on the Dish page.

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Krysten Ritter is The B— in Apartment 23

Mean girl. Ever wondered what it would be like to live with the love child of Sid Vicious and Lucille Ball? Now you can find out

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Though harsh to refer to your main character as a b–, there really is no other way to describe opportunist Chloe (Krysten Ritter) in the new ABC sitcom Don't Trust the B— in Apartment 23. Chloe herself boasts of having the "morals of a pirate."

"If Holly Golightly and Satan had a child, it would be my character," says Ritter.

And James Van Der Beek, who plays Chloe's best friend has a slightly different view: "[She's] the love child of Lucille Ball and Sid Vicious."

No matter her mythical parentage, Chloe tiptoes the line between bad and just plain awful — in the pilot, she robs her sweet, new-to-New-York roommate, June (Dreama Walker) — which means the balance between audiences loving or loathing Ms. B is even more precarious.

But Ritter rationalizes that Chloe's actions, despite how outlandish they seem, aren't always selfish. "As long as I approach my character in making positive choices, that the end result seems to be somewhat heartfelt, you can get away with it," she says.

After all, even seemingly naive June is able to crack Chloe's tough girl persona and ultimately become a member of her oddball entourage.

"June definitely ... outsmarts Chloe a little bit," Walker says. "That's part of our dynamic and part of what makes her respect me and like me in the end."

So is the B-word a severe moniker after all? Ritter doesn't think so. "I'm an evil b—," she says.

Don't Trust the B— in Apartment 23 airs Wednesday nights on Citytv.

Krysten Ritter HANDOUT

Lena Dunham. The new 20-something 'it' girl

Lena Dunham is deconstructing femininity right across the table.

Having spiffed up for some behind-the-scenes featurettes for her upcoming HBO series Girls, Dunham has relaxed into her seat at a Tribeca restaurant, not far from where she grew up. Shortly after shedding her overcoat, she pulls off her fake eyelashes too, apologizing for her manners and lamenting the forthright revelation of a women's "secret" to a member of the opposite sex.

"There's a certain point when I've had them on all day, I just want to be free of them," she says, laughing.

Inhibition and a comical preference for naturalism run deep in Dunham and her work. She's a self-declared "oversharer" whose Twitter feed is a steady stream of self-deprecating wit. ("I was lying totally still on the shower floor and really hurt my knee. And that, my friends, is proof I can do anything.")

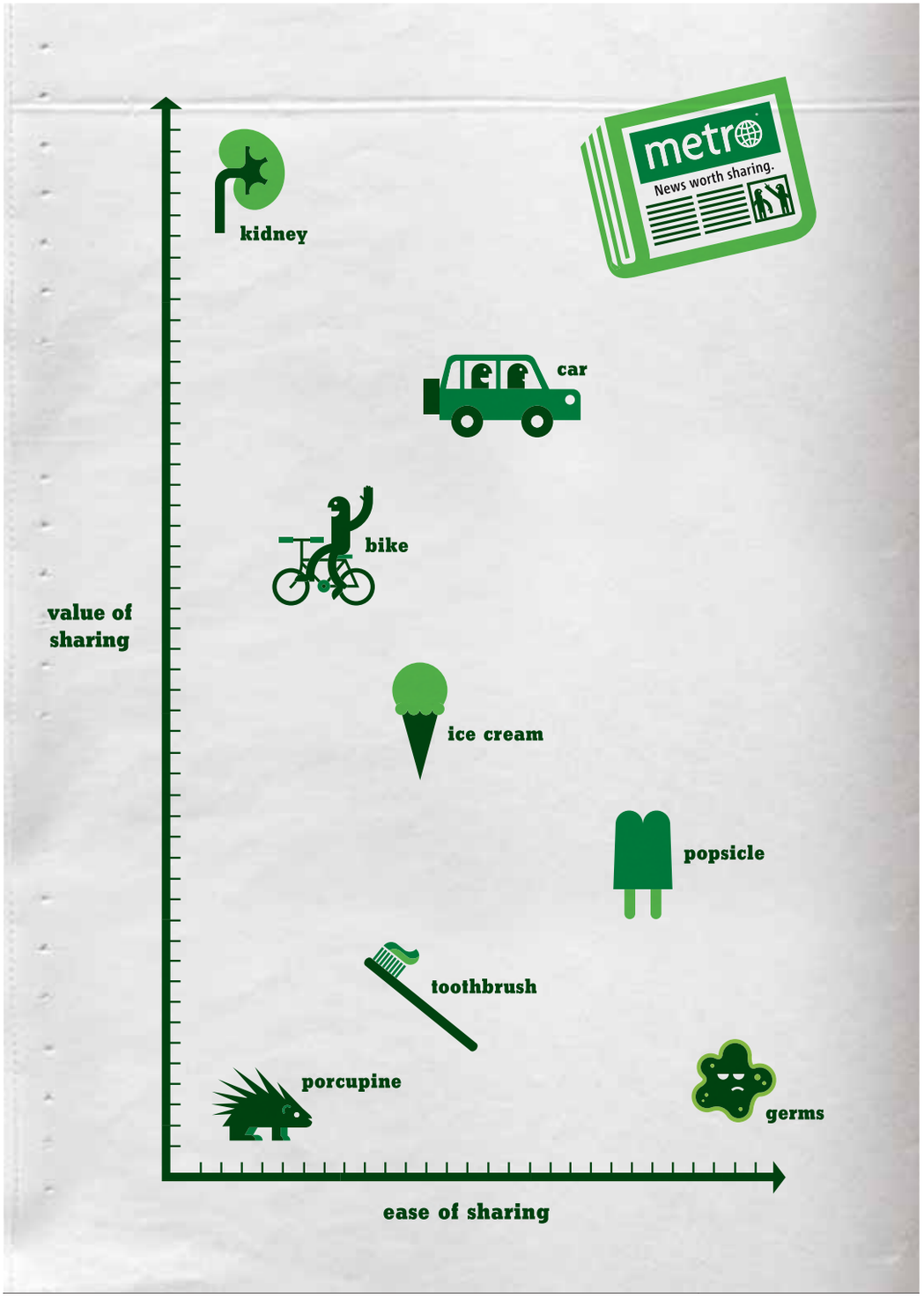
Her work (two features, a few Web series and now the TV show) is heavily personal, like her breakout film, 2010's Tiny Furniture, an indie she made for just $25,000. Not yet 26, Dunham has already been profiled by the New Yorker, had Tiny Furniture released on DVD by the esteemed Criterion Collection and attracted the interest of comedy producer and filmmaker Judd Apatow, executive producer of Girls. Considering her unblemished good fortune, Apatow has advised Dunham to get a T-shirt that reads The Inevitable Backlash. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

What it feels like for a girl

Girls, which Dunham wrote, stars in and produced, premieres Sunday but it's already captured the zeitgeist, sparking a dialogue about 20-something adulthood, femininity and sexuality.

- **Concept.** The show follows four young women (Dunham, Allison Williams, Jemima Kirke and Zosia Mamet) in post-collegiate drift, struggling in a difficult New York job market, chafing at conventional ideas of womanhood and dealing with male counterparts on a different wavelength.
- **Game on.** "It feels as though it's the right time for this show," she says. "Women want a show like this. This generation wants a show like this — not to overstate our mission."
- **Critics.** Dunham been lauded for having no shyness in portraying her, as she terms it, "not exactly model-esque body" in unflattering sex scenes.

The cast of Girls in New York on Wednesday DAVE ALLOCCA/STARPIX/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Spears on X-Factor: Report

Britney Spears is reportedly close to a deal to join the U.S. version of The X Factor as a judge, according to Entertainment Weekly.

Though the singer is said to have passed on a previous $10 million offer, negotiations have reportedly brought the price up to $15 million.

Spears would join the televised singing competition in the fall, settling in next to fellow judges L.A. Reid and Simon Cowell, who is also an executive producer.

Anthony files for divorce

After separating from wife Jennifer Lopez last July, Marc Anthony has finally made it official by filing for divorce, citing "irreconcilable differences," according to Hollyscoop.

Anthony is reportedly seeking joint legal and physical custody of their four-year-old twins, Max and Emma, and Anthony does not want to provide Lopez with any spousal support. The filing reportedly mandates that both parties pay their own legal fees as well.

Marc Anthony

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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

The Word

Not quite a bed of Roses

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Following speculation that there would be a reunion of the original lineup of Guns N' Roses at the band's induction into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame on Saturday, Axl Rose fired off an open letter to the Los Angeles Times, saying in no uncertain terms that not only was a reunion out of the question, but he doesn't even want to be inducted.

"I respectfully decline my induction as a member of Guns N' Roses to the Rock and Roll Hall Of Fame," he wrote in the 1,000-plus word letter. He then went on to "strongly request" that he not be inducted in absentia.

"Please know that no one is authorized nor may anyone be permitted to accept any induction for me or speak on my behalf."

OK, that certainly sounds like he's taking his ball and going home, doesn't it?

"No one's taking the ball and going home. Don't get it twisted," he wrote.

Oops, I guess we jumped the Gun there.

Rose's letter goes on to rant about the greed of the music industry, the irresponsibility of the media (hey, we retracted our ball-and-going-home allegation) and sincerely thanks the Hall of Fame and fans.

What it boils down to, "This decision is personal," he said,

It's only hard to begrudge Rose's decision because that original lineup not only sounded great, but there really hasn't been a cooler-looking group of dudes playing hard rock since the original lineup.

OK, maybe Velvet Revolver looked as cool, because Slash played in that band too, but they had no Paradise City.

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Did Gibson put a hit out on ex-girlfriend?

Mel Gibson still has a lot of anger toward ex-girlfriend Oksana Grigorieva — and has threatened to have her killed, according to a nine-page letter from screenwriter Joe Eszterhas to Gibson that was leaked to the Wrap.

"'I want that c---- gone!' you screamed," Eszterhas recounts in the letter.

"'I'm going to get rid of her. No one will ever know! I'm not going to live this way the rest of my life! She's poisoning (my daughter) against me! She is evil! They worship the devil where she came from. She's going to disappear! Gone!'" Eszterhas also contends in the letter that the project they were collaborating on, The Maccabees, was scrapped because of Gibson's anti-Semitism.

"I've come to the conclusion that the reason you won't make The Maccabees is the ugliest possible one. You hate Jews," he writes. Gibson has responded with his own letter to Eszterhas, leaked to Deadline: "I will acknowledge like most creative people I am passionate and intense," Gibson writes, but counters that "the decision not to proceed with you was based on the quality of your script, not on any other factor."

Twitter

@kathygriffin
good God It's great that these celebs r so committed to doing DWTS, but going to the hospital? WTF? How bout just a nice hokey pokey, people?

@ActuallyNPH
I adore Amy Sedaris. Just watched her as the Tooth Fairy on Yo Gabba Gabba. She's maybe the coolest chick around. That's all.

@russellcrowe
200 m in the pool, not much, between singing lessons, the boys and the rain it was all I could do

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Banana Loaf. The hint of vanilla will keep you coming back for more

DINNER EXPRESS
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Banana loaf is perfect for an afternoon snack or part of your morning breakfast.

Warm it in the microwave for a fresh out of the oven taste then use it the next day for a very tasty french toast!

1. In a bowl, whisk together the flour, baking powder and salt. Then set these ingredients aside.

2. In a large bowl, beat the butter and sugar until fluffy. Beat in eggs one at a time, beating well after each addition. Beat in vanilla. Stir in mashed bananas and sour cream. Add flour mixture to banana mixture and stir to moisten. Add walnuts if using and stir to combine.

3. Scrape into 8 x 4 inch (1.5 L) loaf pan and bake in 350 F (180 C) oven for about 1 hour or until tester inserted in centre comes out clean.

4. Let cool in pan on rack. Remove from pan and let cool completely on rack.

Tips

- **Flour.** If you don't have both all purpose and whole wheat flours, simply use one throughout the recipe. You can also try the nutri-blend flour that has added bran.
- **Storage.** Wrap loaf whole or in quarters in plastic wrap and in heavy-duty foil, and freeze up to two weeks. Wrap loaf in plastic wrap and keep at room temperature for up to three days.

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Ingredients

- 1 cup (250 mL) all-purpose flour
- 3/4 cup (175 mL) whole wheat flour
- 2 tsp (10 mL) baking powder
- Pinch of salt
- 1/2 cup (125 mL) butter, softened
- 3/4 cup (175 mL) granulated sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1 tsp (5 mL) vanilla
- 2 very ripe bananas, mashed
- 3/4 cup (175 mL) sour cream
- 1/2 cup (125 mL) toasted chopped walnuts (optional)

Liquid Assets

Hitting hot spots in the wine world

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Even though I've been to amazing places around the wine world, I'm still surprised at the number of obvious hot spots I've never seen in real life.

While travelling in Northern Italy this week, I finally found myself in Piedmont — home of high fashion, truffles and wines made with the nebbiolo grape. Sadly, nebbiolo rarely comes cheap with its two most famous offspring — the vino from Barolo and Barbaresco — commanding prices that start somewhere around $40 a bottle.

That isn't to say you can't drink Piedmont on a budget. Though growing in nebbiolo's shadow, barbera is the third most cultivated grape in Italy. Barbera typically produces balanced, fruit-driven wines with vineyards in the Piedmontese sub-regions of Asti and Alba, its preferred geography.

Though Asti is the same place the famous sweet sparkling wine comes from, Bersano's 2009 Costalunga Barbera d'Asti ($11.95 - $14.99) is a full-bodied, yet seductive red that, while nowhere near the weight of a Barolo, still commands a dark fruited presence in the glass.

I love this style of wine with earthier pasta sauces.

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NHL

Rangers beat Sens in Game 1

Marian Gaborik and Brian Boyle scored minutes apart in the second period to break open a tight game, and the top-seeded New York Rangers opened their first-round Eastern Conference series with a 4-2 victory over the Ottawa Senators on Thursday night.

The Rangers, the No. 1 seed in the East for the first time since they won the Stanley Cup in 1994, shook off their 1-2-1 regular-season mark against the Senators and easily dispatched them in Game 1.

New York will host the No. 8 Senators again on Saturday night.

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Brian Boyle celebrates his goal. FRANK FRANKLIN II/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NHL

Kings apologize, Canucks shrug off snarky tweet

The Los Angeles Kings say they're sorry, but the Vancouver Canucks contend they could not care less about a controversial tweet.

One day after opening a series against Vancouver with a 4-2 win, the NHL team found itself backtracking from a playful jab made on Twitter. In the wake of the victory, the team's official account posted a message saying: "To everyone in Canada outside of B.C., you're welcome."

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Brent Sutter directs his team against the Phoenix Coyotes March 1 in Glendale, Ariz. CHRISTIAN PETERSEN/GETTY IMAGES FILE

Brent Sutter and Flames part ways

NHL. Calgary coach packs his bags after Flames narrowly missed the playoffs in each of three seasons

Quoted

"The one thing I want to make clear is this is not about fault or blame or finger-pointing."

Calgary Flames general manager Jay Feaster on Brent Sutter leaving the organization

The Calgary Flames are looking for a new coach.

After meeting with general manager Jay Feaster, Brent Sutter agreed to part ways with the NHL team after three seasons.

"The Calgary Flames and Brent Sutter have come to a mutual agreement that we are parting ways," said Feaster during a Thursday afternoon press conference. "I want to thank Brent Sutter for his loyal and dedicated service to this organization."

The Flames narrowly missed the playoffs in all three seasons under Sutter, compiling a 118-90-38 record overall. Sutter's contract was due to expire at the end of June.

"It's not an easy day," said Feaster. "It's beyond just the fact that we're both on the page that we need youth and enthusiasm and all those things."

The Flames also announced that assistant coach Dave Lowry will not have his contract renewed.

"After discussions with Jay since the season ended, it was in the best interest of the organization and myself to part ways," said Sutter. "I wish the Calgary Flames all the best."

Brent was hired by the Flames in June 2009 when brother Darryl was the GM. Feaster replaced Darryl Sutter in December 2010.

Darryl called his brother "a top coach in the National Hockey League."

"He'll be coaching somewhere else soon, too," said Darryl, who was hired to replace Terry Murray as coach of the Los Angeles Kings on Dec. 17.

When asked if he was surprised by the firing, Darryl replied: "Coaching is coaching, right?"

While the Flames will identify several candidates to interview for the vacant coaching positions, Feaster added that he'll undoubtedly be contacted by other worthy contenders for the job.

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Sutter's career

- Brent Sutter's resumé also includes a two-year stint with the New Jersey Devils and a seven-year run with the Red Deer Rebels, the Western Hockey League team he continues to own.

4 SPORTS

Quoted

"We don't have the personnel to get back at Weber so we might as well get on with that."

Detroit coach Mike Babcock, who says he has worked out any ill feelings over Nashville defenceman Shea Weber being fined for slamming Henrik Zetterberg's head into the glass at the end of Game 1. A hard-fought series was expected between these Central Division teams separated by only two points over the 82-game regular season, and the Predators stoked the rivalry Wednesday with a 3-2 win marked by 17 combined penalties between the NHL's least-penalized teams.

""We're not taking penalties tomorrow."

Mike Babcock

On the web

Kurt Angle, who won wrestling gold in Atlanta in 1996 before becoming famous in WWE, was forced to end his improbable attempt to make the U.S. team for the London Olympics due to a string of injuries. Scan the code for the story.

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Identity crisis on Flames' defence corps

THE HOCKEY NEWS
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A priority for Flames management this summer should be re-thinking a blue-line that is in dire need of an identity.

That's not to say Calgary doesn't have defencemen with personalities. Mark Giordano is a fierce competitor who never plays a cushy shift. I've always been a big fan of Cory Sarich because he makes opposing forwards pay a price. Scott Hannan is a cagey veteran who thinks the game well and was a bargain at $1 million.

T.J. Brodie and Derek Smith are young puck-movers who add mobility and Anton Babchuk has the big shot the team needs to diversify its power play. Chris Butler was solid at times this year and is part of the future. Even smaller, skilled craftsmen Clay Wilson and Brian Connelly have a future in an NHL geared to puck-moving.

So why is it that this group of individuals, when put together as a unit, lacks personality and identity? The numbers prove it. Calgary's defence corps ranked 27th in goals and 29th in shots. That might be acceptable if it's mean and bone-crunching. But the Flames blue-liners ranked 29th in hits as well. So as a group, this brigade neither adds much to the offence nor does anything to wear down the opposition.

Take the 30th-ranked defence in terms of hitting — San Jose. At least the six Sharks defenders placed third in shots. So their identity has an offensive bent. Take the 30th-ranked team in terms of shots — Edmonton. At least the Oilers defenders placed fourth in hits. Toughness is their identity.

Not surprisingly, teams that ranked in the top 10 in two or three of these categories — goals, shots and hits from the blue-line — include Boston, Vancouver, Detroit, Rangers, Philadelphia, Nashville and Pittsburgh. They're contenders.

This is a drawn-out way of saying the Flames put too much emphasis on Jay Bouwmeester, who neither hits nor scores much considering the amount of ice time he gets. J-Bo ranks sixth among NHL defencemen in ice time, but ranks 290th out of 297 in plus-minus. Could it be that because Bouwmeester is fifth in defencemen cap hit that the Flames feel a need to over-use a very ordinary player?

Seems a shame that either or both of Sarich and Hannan won't be back as UFAs when the real problem is the guy making all that money, but not helping with the identity crisis.

Tim Thomas of the Bruins stops a shot by Washington's Nicklas Backstrom in Boston on Thursday. ELSA/GETTY IMAGES

Bruins cap off Game 1 in OT

NHL. Boston beats Washington for first win in quest to become repeat champions

Chris Kelly scored on a long slap shot 1:18 into overtime and the defending Stanley Cup champion Boston Bruins beat the Washington Capitals 1-0 Thursday night in the opener of their first-round playoff series.

Braden Holtby made 29 saves for the Capitals.

Tim Thomas stopped all 17 shots he faced for Boston.

The game was physical and scoreless until Thomas turned back a Washington attack early in the extra period. Brian Rolston dropped it for Benoit Pouliot to clear the zone and he pushed it up to Kelly, who slapped it over Holtby's glove for the game-winner.

The reigning Vezina and Conn Smythe Trophy winner, Thomas had an easy game for much of the night, including a middle period in which Washington managed just two shots on goal.

Instead, the goaltending star was Holtby, a third-stringer making his playoff debut because Tomas Vokoun and Michal Neuvirth were injured. But he kept Washington in the game while the Bruins peppered him with shots.

After Holtby was beaten for the one and only time, Washington star Alex Ovechkin consoled him on the ice before heading to the locker-room.

Meanwhile, the Bruins celebrated their first victory in their quest to become the first repeat Stanley Cup champions since the Detroit Red Wings in 1997-98.

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Game 1

Bruins	Capitals
1	0

Lucky match?

- The last two times these teams have met in the playoffs, the winner has gone on to reach the Stanley Cup finals.
- The Bruins made it in 1990, and the Capitals in 1998.

Flyers-Penguins

NHL not happy with missed call

Colin Campbell feels the pain of the Pittsburgh Penguins.

The NHL's senior executive vice-president of hockey operations acknowledged Thursday that linesman Tony Sericolo erred in not whistling a play dead prior to Danny Briere's first goal in the opening game of the Penguins-Flyers series.

"There's no other way to explain it but a missed call," Campbell told The Canadian Press in an interview. "We're as upset as Pittsburgh, almost. It's a mistake."

Briere scored Philadelphia's first goal on Wednesday after being sent in on a breakaway. Replays showed that Briere was a couple feet offside.

The play started a big comeback for the Flyers, who erased a three-goal deficit and beat Pittsburgh 4-3 in overtime. However, the Penguins refused to use it as an excuse for their collapse.

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Blues-Sharks

Havlat heroic in 2nd overtime

Martin Havlat scored his second goal of the game 3:34 into the second overtime, giving the San Jose Sharks a 3-2 victory over the St. Louis Blues in Game 1 of their playoff series Thursday night.

Andrew Desjardins tied it for San Jose with 5:16 in regulation, banging in a one-timer from the slot. Antti Niemi, who won a Stanley Cup with Chicago in 2010, made 40 saves.

Patrik Berglund scored his first two career playoff goals in the third period for the Blues, the No. 2 seed in the Western Conference.

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STANLEY CUP PLAYOFFS

FIRST ROUND

CONFERENCE QUARTER-FINALS
(Best-of-7) — All Times Eastern

EASTERN CONFERENCE

N.Y. RANGERS (1) VS. OTTAWA (8)
(N.Y. Rangers lead series 1-0)
Last night's result
N.Y. Rangers 4 Ottawa 2
Tomorrow's game
Ottawa at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.
Monday, April 16
N.Y. Rangers at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, April 18
N.Y. Rangers at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.
BOSTON (2) VS. WASHINGTON (7)
(Boston leads series 1-0)
Last night's result
Boston 1 Washington 0 (OT)
Tomorrow's game
Washington at Boston, 3 p.m.
Monday, April 16
Boston at Washington, 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, April 19
Boston at Washington, 7:30 p.m.
FLORIDA (3) VS. NEW JERSEY (6)
Tonight's game
New Jersey at Florida, 7 p.m.
Sunday's game
New Jersey at Florida, 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, April 17
Florida at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
Thursday, April 19
Florida at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
PITTSBURGH (4) VS. PHILADELPHIA (5)
(Philadelphia leads series 1-0)
Wednesday's result
Philadelphia 4 Pittsburgh 3 (OT)
Tonight's game
Philadelphia at Pittsburgh, 7:30 p.m.
Sunday's game
Pittsburgh at Philadelphia, 3 p.m.
Wednesday, April 18
Pittsburgh at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.

WESTERN CONFERENCE

VANCOUVER (1) VS. LOS ANGELES (8)
(Los Angeles leads series 1-0)
Wednesday's result
Los Angeles 4 Vancouver 2
Tonight's game
Los Angeles at Vancouver, 10 p.m.
Sunday's game
Vancouver at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.
Wednesday, April 18
Vancouver at Los Angeles, 10 p.m.
ST. LOUIS (2) VS. SAN JOSE (7)
(San Jose leads series 1-0)
Last night's result
San Jose 3 St. Louis 2 (2OT)
Tomorrow's game
San Jose at St. Louis, 7:30 p.m.
Monday, April 16
St. Louis at San Jose, 10 p.m.
Thursday, April 19
St. Louis at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.
PHOENIX (3) VS. CHICAGO (6)
Last night's result
Chicago at Phoenix
Tomorrow's game
Chicago at Phoenix, 10 p.m.
Tuesday, April 17
Phoenix at Chicago, 9 p.m.
Thursday, April 19
Phoenix at Chicago, 8 p.m.
NASHVILLE (4) VS. DETROIT (5)
(Nashville leads series 1-0)
Wednesday's result
Nashville 3 Detroit 2
Tonight's game
Detroit at Nashville, 7:30 p.m.
Sunday's game
Nashville at Detroit, 12 p.m.
Tuesday, April 17
Nashville at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.

RANGERS 4, SENATORS 2

First Period
1. N.Y. Rangers, Callahan 1 (Stralman, Anisimov) 12:01
Penalties — Kuba Ott (holding) 4:00, Prust NYR (tripping) 8:11, Bickel NYR (cross-checking) 15:13, Karlsson Ott, Boyle NYR (roughing) 15:31.
Second Period
2. N.Y. Rangers, Gaborik 1, 16:24
3. N.Y. Rangers, Boyle 1 (Anisimov, Girardi) 19:06
Penalties — McDonagh NYR (tripping) 12:56, Kuba Ott (hooking) 16:53.
Third Period
4. N.Y. Rangers, Richards 1 (Hagelin) 2:15
5. Ottawa, Alfredsson 1 (Spezza, Michalek) 10:05
6. Ottawa, Condra 1 (Foligno, Turris) 17:41
Penalties — Neil Ott, Rupp NYR (misconduct) 2:51, Smith Ott (slashing) 7:44, Smith Ott (delay of game) 12:04.
Shots on goal by

Ottawa	13	11	8	— 32
N.Y. Rangers	8	12	11	— 31

Goal — Ottawa: Anderson (L,0-1-0); N.Y. Rangers: Lundqvist (W,1-0-0). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Ottawa: 0-3; N.Y. Rangers: 0-4.
Attendance — 18,200 (18,200) at New York.

SHARKS 3, BLUES 2 (2OT)

First Period — No Scoring.
Penalties — None.
Second Period
1. San Jose, Havlat 1 (Boyle, Clowe) 6:02 (pp)
Penalties — Perron StL (slashing) 4:23, Demers SJ (interference) 9:40, Backes StL (interference) 14:33, Galiardi SJ (interference) 16:54.
Third Period
2. St. Louis, Berglund 1 (Shattenkirk, Steen) 0:54
3. St. Louis, Berglund 2 (McDonald, Russell) 7:28 (pp)
4. San Jose, Desjardins 1 (Wingels, Boyle) 14:44
Penalties — Mitchell SJ (unsportsmanlike conduct), Berglund StL (roughing) 4:23, Havlat SJ (tripping) 6:31, Huskins StL (hooking) 8:23.
First Overtime — No Scoring.
Penalties — None.
Second Overtime
5. San Jose, Havlat 2 (Clowe, Couture) 3:34
Penalties — None.
Shots on goal by

San Jose	4	9	10	8	3—34
St. Louis	7	13	8	14	0—42

Goal — San Jose: Niemi (W,1-0-0); St. Louis: Halak (L,0-1-0). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — San Jose: 1-3; St. Louis: 1-3.
Att. — 19,333 (19,150) at St. Louis, Mo.

LATE WEDNESDAY

KINGS 4, CANUCKS 2

First Period
1. Vancouver, Burrows 1 (H. Sedin, Kesler) 4:17
2. Los Angeles, Richards 1 (Kopitar, Doughty) 13:31 (pp)
Penalties — Stoll LA (charging) 2:06, Penner LA (tripping) 9:51, Kesler Vcr (unsportsmanlike conduct) 12:32, Higgins Vcr (delay of game) 13:21, Edler Vcr (delay of game) 14:23, Salo Vcr (hooking) 17:41.
Second Period
3. Los Angeles, Mitchell 1 (Martinez, Williams) 16:33 (pp)
4. Vancouver, Edler 1 (Lapierre, Kesler) 19:52
Penalties — Kassian Vcr (charging) 3:24, Stoll LA (holding) 3:48, Lapierre Vcr (charging) 6:50, Bitz Vcr (boarding major, game misconduct) 12:12.
Third Period
5. Los Angeles, Penner 1 (Carter, Richards) 16:46
6. Los Angeles, Brown 1 (Richards, Carter) 19:42 (en)
Penalties — Martinez LA (hooking) 2:58, Nolan LA (slashing) 13:55.
Shots on goal by

Los Angeles	13	16	10	— 39
Vancouver	6	8	12	— 26

Goal — Los Angeles: Quick (W,1-0-0); Vancouver: Luongo (L,0-1). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Los Angeles: 2-7; Vancouver: 0-5.
Attendance — 18,890 (18,890) at Vancouver.

MLB

AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Tampa Bay	4	2	.667	—
Toronto	4	2	.667	—
Baltimore	3	3	.500	1
New York	3	3	.500	1
Boston	1	5	.167	3

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	5	1	.833	—
Chicago	3	2	.600	1½
Kansas City	3	3	.500	2
Minnesota	2	4	.333	3
Cleveland	1	4	.200	3½

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Texas	5	2	.714	—
Seattle	4	4	.500	1½
Oakland	3	4	.429	2
Los Angeles	2	4	.333	2½

Yesterday's results
Detroit 7 Tampa Bay 2
Minnesota 10 L.A. Angels 9
Texas 5 Seattle 3
Wednesday's results
Toronto 3 Boston 1
Chicago White Sox 10 Cleveland 6
Minnesota 6 L.A. Angels 5
NY Yankees 6 Baltimore 4 (10 innings)
Oakland 5 Kansas City 4 (12 innings)
Seattle 4 Texas 3
Tampa Bay 4 Detroit 2
Today's games — All Times Eastern
L.A. Angels (E.Santana 0-1) at N.Y. Yankees (Kuroda 0-1), 1:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Price 1-0) at Boston (Beckett 0-1), 2:05 p.m.
Detroit (Scherzer 0-0) at Chicago White Sox (Peavy 0-0), 2:10 p.m.
Cleveland (D.Lowe 1-0) at Kansas City (Hochevar 1-0), 4:10 p.m.
Baltimore (Tom.Hunter 1-0) at Toronto (Morrow 0-0), 7:07 p.m.
Texas (M.Harrison 1-0) at Minnesota (Swarzak 0-1), 8:10 p.m.
Oakland (Colon 1-1) at Seattle (F.Hernandez 1-0), 10:10 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	5	2	.714	—
New York	4	2	.667	½
Philadelphia	3	3	.500	1½
Atlanta	2	4	.333	2½
Miami	2	5	.286	3

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	5	2	.714	—
Milwaukee	4	3	.571	1
Houston	3	3	.500	1½
Cincinnati	3	4	.429	2
Pittsburgh	2	3	.400	2
Chicago	2	5	.286	3

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	5	1	.833	—
Arizona	4	1	.800	½
Colorado	2	4	.333	3
San Diego	2	4	.333	3
San Francisco	2	4	.333	3

Yesterday's results
Chicago Cubs 8 Milwaukee 0
Philadelphia 3 Miami 1
San Francisco 4 Colorado 2
Washington 3 Cincinnati 2 (10 ings)
Arizona at San Diego
Pittsburgh at L.A. Dodgers
Wednesday's results
Atlanta 6 Houston 3
Cincinnati 4 St. Louis 3
Colorado 17 San Francisco 8
L.A. Dodgers 4 Pittsburgh 1
Milwaukee 2 Chicago Cubs 1
Philadelphia 7 Miami 1
San Diego 2 Arizona 1
Washington 4 N.Y. Mets 0
Today's games — All Times Eastern
Chicago Cubs (Samardzija 1-0) at St. Louis (Wainwright 0-1), 3:15 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Ja.McDonald 0-0) at San Francisco (M.Cain 0-0), 4:35 p.m.
Cincinnati (Arroyo 0-0) at Washington (Zimmermann 0-1), 7:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Dickey 1-0) at Philadelphia (Cl.Lee 0-0), 7:05 p.m.
Houston (Harrell 1-0) at Miami (Nolasco 1-0), 7:10 p.m.
Milwaukee (Wolf 0-1) at Atlanta (Jurrjens 0-1), 7:35 p.m.
Arizona (D.Hudson 1-0) at Colorado (Nicasio 0-0), 8:40 p.m.
San Diego (Richard 1-0) at L.A. Dodgers (Harang 0-1), 10:10 p.m.

HOCKEY

IIHF WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

At Burlington, Vt.
PLAYOFFS
Championship Bracket
Today's games — All Times Eastern
Fifth Place
Russia vs. Sweden, 5 p.m.
Semifinals
Canada vs. Finland, 3 p.m.
U.S. vs. Switzerland, 7 p.m.
RELEGATION BRACKET
(Best-of-3; loser drops down to B-Pool)
(Germany leads series 1-0)
Today's game
Slovakia vs. Germany, 1 p.m.

IIHF MEN'S UNDER-18 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

PRELIMINARY ROUND

Yesterday's results
At Brno, Czech Republic
Canada 6 Denmark 1
U.S. 4 Finland 0
At Znojmo, Czech Republic
Russia 6 Latvia 1
Sweden 8 Germany 1

LACROSSE

NLL

EAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	Pct.	GF	GA	GB
x-Toronto	13	7	6	.538	158	153	—
x-Philadelphia	14	7	7	.500	159	183	½
Buffalo	13	5	8	.385	159	168	2
Rochester	13	5	8	.385	159	164	2

WEST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	Pct.	GF	GA	GB
x-Calgary	14	11	3	.786	195	150	—
x-Colorado	13	10	3	.769	174	159	½
Minnesota	13	6	7	.462	157	158	4½
Edmonton	12	4	8	.333	125	135	6
Washington	13	4	9	.308	141	157	6½

x — clinched playoff berth.
Tomorrow's games — All Times Eastern
Calgary at Rochester, 7:30 p.m.
Washington at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Buffalo at Edmonton, 9 p.m.
Toronto at Colorado, 9 p.m.

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Chicago	45	14	.763	—
x-Miami	40	17	.702	4
Indiana	36	22	.621	8½
d-Boston	34	24	.586	10½
Atlanta	34	24	.586	10½
Orlando	34	24	.586	10½
Philadelphia	31	27	.534	13½
New York	30	28	.517	14½
Milwaukee	28	30	.483	16½
Detroit	22	36	.379	22½
New Jersey	21	38	.356	24
Cleveland	19	37	.339	24½
Toronto	20	39	.339	25
Washington	14	44	.241	30½
Charlotte	7	50	.123	37

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Oklahoma City	42	16	.724	—
x-San Antonio	41	16	.719	½
d-L.A. Lakers	37	22	.627	5½
L.A. Clippers	36	23	.610	6½
Memphis	34	24	.586	8
Dallas	32	26	.552	10
Houston	32	26	.552	10
Denver	32	26	.552	10
Utah	31	28	.525	11½
Phoenix	30	28	.517	12
Portland	28	31	.475	14½
Minnesota	25	35	.417	18
Golden State	22	35	.386	19½
Sacramento	19	40	.322	23½
New Orleans	16	42	.276	26

d — division leader; **x** — clinched playoff berth; **y** — clinched division

Last night's results
Chicago 96 Miami 86 (OT)
Detroit 109 Charlotte 85
L.A. Clippers 95 Minnesota 82
San Antonio 107 Memphis 97
Dallas at Golden State
Wednesday's results
Philadelphia 93 Toronto 75
Boston 88 Atlanta 86 (OT)
Denver 113 Minnesota 107
Portland 118 Golden State 110
Indiana 104 Cleveland 98
L.A. Clippers 100 Oklahoma City 98
L.A. Lakers 98 San Antonio 84
Memphis 104 Phoenix 93
New Orleans 105 Sacramento 96
New York 111 Milwaukee 107
Utah 103 Houston 91
Tonight's games — All Times Eastern
Cleveland at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Boston at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Atlanta at Orlando, 7 p.m.
New Jersey at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Charlotte at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Washington at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Houston, 8 p.m.
Sacramento at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.
Utah at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
Milwaukee at Detroit, 8 p.m.
Denver at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.
Dallas at Portland, 10:30 p.m.

SCORING LEADERS

	G	FG	FT	PTS	AVG
Bryant, LAL	56	558	372	1572	28.1
Durant, OkC	58	563	357	1597	27.5
James, Mia	55	550	335	1481	26.9
Love, Minn	55	474	379	1432	26.0
Westbrook, OkC	58	521	302	1402	24.2
Wade, Mia	45	389	222	1015	22.6
Anthony, NY	48	369	256	1049	21.9
Aldridge, Por	55	483	223	1191	21.7
D. Williams, NJ	53	384	248	1131	21.3
Nowitzki, Dal	54	403	268	1137	21.1
Griffin, LAC	58	489	218	1198	20.7
Howard, Orl	54	416	281	1113	20.6
Ellis, Mil	52	407	199	1071	20.6

Not including last night's games

GOLF

PGA RBC HERITAGE SCORES

At Hilton Head, S.C.
Par 71 (36-35)
First Round
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Chad Campbell	32-35—67
Vaughn Taylor	32-35—67
Colt Knost	35-32—67
Jim Furyk	35-33—68
Charlie Wi	34-34—68
Harris English	34-34—68
Matt Every	33-35—68
Blake Adams	36-33—69
John Mallinger	34-35—69
Chez Reavie	36-33—69
Tommy Gainey	35-35—70
Jason Bohn	37-33—70
Rory Sabbatini	34-36—70
Kevin Na	34-36—70
Tom Gillis	33-37—70
Joe Durant	35-35—70
Kevin Chappell	36-34—70
John Rollins	35-35—70
Boo Weekley	35-35—70
Carl Pettersson	34-36—70
John Daly	37-33—70
Will Claxton	34-36—70
Glen Day	36-34—70
Greg Chalmers	33-38—71
Chris Couch	33-38—71
Hunter Haas	37-34—71
Heath Slocum	37-34—71
Stephen Ames	**37-34—71**
Kyle Stanley	35-36—71
Brandt Snedeker	36-35—71
Marc Leishman	37-34—71
Michael Thompson	35-36—71
Lee Janzen	35-36—71
Trevor Immelman	35-36—71
Webb Simpson	37-34—71
Zach Johnson	35-36—71
Bud Cauley	36-35—71

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Graham DeLaet	**37-37—74**
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Kansas City	5	5	0	0	8	1	15
New York	4	2	2	0	10	7	6
Columbus	3	2	1	0	3	2	6
Houston	3	2	1	0	2	2	6
New England	5	2	3	0	4	6	6
D.C. United	5	1	2	2	5	5	5
Chicago	3	1	1	1	2	3	4
Montreal	6	1	4	1	5	12	4
Philadelphia	4	0	3	1	2	6	1
Toronto	4	0	4	0	2	9	0

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pt
Real Salt Lake	6	5	1	0	11	4	15
San Jose	5	4	1	0	8	2	12
Colorado	5	3	2	0	7	7	9
Vancouver	5	2	1	2	4	3	8
Seattle	4	2	1	1	5	2	7
Dallas	5	2	2	1	6	8	7
Chivas USA	5	2	3	0	3	4	6
Portland	5	1	3	1	7	8	4
Los Angeles	4	1	3	0	5	8	3

Tomorrow's games — All Times Eastern
Columbus at Philadelphia, 3:30 p.m.
Colorado at Seattle, 4 p.m.
D.C. United at New England, 4 p.m.
Chivas USA at Toronto, 4:30 p.m.
San Jose at New York, 7 p.m.
Real Salt Lake at Kansas City, 8:30 p.m.
Montreal at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Portland at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.
Sunday's game
Houston at Chicago, 7 p.m.

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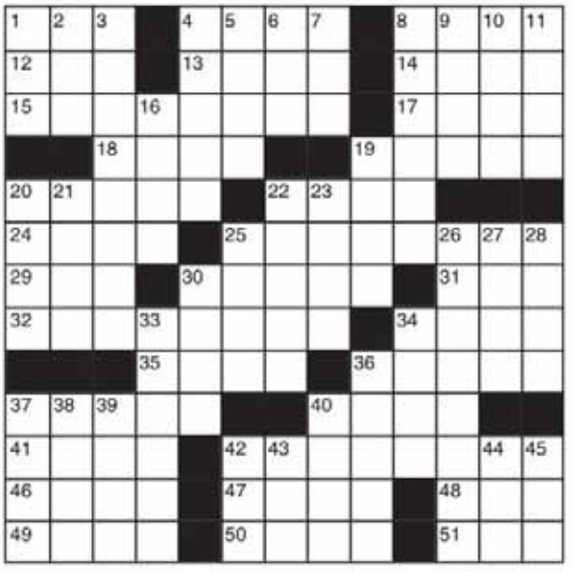
Crossword

Across

1 Ump
4 Spat
8 Walk of Fame emblem
12 Eggs
13 Lotion additive
14 Quasimodo's creator
15 Author Peter
17 Piccadilly statue
18 New Mexico art colony
19 Shabby
20 Polished
22 Bat a gnat
24 Being, to Brutus
25 TV host Peter
29 Island souvenir
30 Cobbler's supply
31 Halloween shout
32 Singer Peter
34 Machu Picchu's site
35 Normandy city
36 Attuned
37 Marshlike
40 Antitoxins
41 Bloodhound's clue
42 Late newsman Peter
46 1492 craft
47 "Zounds!"
48 Bill's partner
49 Recognized
50 Take-out phrase
51 Eternity

Down

1 Filch
2 Prior night
3 Disney classic
4 California-Nevada lake
5 Afflictions
6 Adversary
7 "SNL" alumna Tina
8 Scabbard
9 Swerve
10 Enthusiastic
11 Optimistic
16 Yogi Bear's home
19 Factor in Einstein's equation
20 "To thine own — be true"
21 Internet surfer
22 Beauty parlor
23 Small songbird
25 Speck
26 Temporary inactivity
27 Traditional tales
28 Stentorian
30 Fix, in a sense
33 Dr. Phil
34 Graceful young woman
36 Japanese fencing
37 Hit
38 Valhalla VIP
39 Vanished
40 Sweater woe
42 Lustrous black
43 Freudian concept
44 Sticky stuff
45 Heir, often



Sudoku

	6	9		1	4	8		
	1				8			6
			2	6				
		8				9	3	
			5		9			
	7	3				6		
				9	1			
4			6				7	
		7	4	8		3	2	

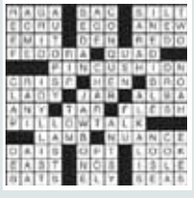
How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's Sudoku

8	4	3	9	2	6	7	1	5
2	7	6	5	1	4	3	9	8
1	9	5	3	7	8	6	2	4
5	6	8	1	9	2	4	7	3
4	3	1	7	6	5	9	8	2
9	2	7	4	8	3	5	6	1
6	5	9	2	4	1	8	3	7
7	1	4	8	3	9	2	5	6
3	8	2	6	5	7	1	4	9

Yesterday's Crossword



Cryptoquip

How to play

This is a substitution cipher where one letter stands for another. Eg: If X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle.

UYJGDVR UVKDI EIVE DSUUBUSKVEBJ JVGRSKJ VZM OSSMJEYOO OKSU JIBBT:

"EVKJ VZM EKGTBJ OSKBXBK."

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHEN A ROBOT IS VERY ABSORBED IN VIEWING SOMETHING, MIGHT ONE SAY ITS EYES ARE RIVETED?

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: E equals T

For today's crossword answers and for expanded horoscopes, go to metronews.ca

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Horoscope

Aries | March 21 - April 20. It may be Friday the 13th but don't be afraid to take a few chances.

Taurus | April 21 - May 21. You may be short of self-belief at the moment but your confidence will soar when you realize there is little, if anything, to fear.

Gemini | May 22 - June 20. Use the morning to get your thoughts together and make plans, then act quickly and decisively in the after noon hours.

Cancer | June 21 - July 22. Question everything you're told today — not just things that are suspect but even things you have no reason to be suspicious of.

Leo | July 23 - Aug. 22. Being the nice guy you are, you tend to give people the benefit of the doubt. Today, don't risk your money on other people's promises.

Virgo | Aug. 23 - Sept. 22. Do you knock off early or get as much work done as possible? Knuckle down now, then enjoy the weekend.

Libra | Sept. 23 - Oct. 22. Loved ones feel a little left out of things at the moment, so find out what it is they need from you and give it to them.

Scorpio | Oct. 23 - Nov. 21. Some tasks can be safely ignored today and some tasks need to be dealt with straight away.

Sagittarius | Nov. 22 - Dec. 21. Don't come across too eager on the work front today because that will make you look desperate and put you at a disadvantage.

Capricorn | Dec. 22 - Jan 20. Try not to let minor fears become major anxieties today. Be positive, and life will be positive too.

Aquarius | Jan. 21 - Feb 18. You seem to believe a simple problem must have a complicated solution. Stand back from the situation and see it for what it really is.

Pisces | Feb. 19 - March 20. If you want to change your world for the better you have got to take action, and soon. **SALLY BROMPTON**

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